

If you are denied an opportunity to rent a home or apartment—or given false information about a rental—because of your race or color, you are a victim of illegal housing discrimination.

It is also illegal for landlords or other housing providers to treat in-place residents or their guests differently because of their race or color.

RACE OR COLOR



SIGNS & EXAMPLES OF RENTAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE OR COLOR

- ❖ You were told one thing on the phone, but the information changed when you visited the property.
- ❖ You made an appointment to view a rental unit, but no one was there; or, when you arrived, you were told that the unit had already been rented to someone else.
- ❖ You were promised an answer on your application, but no one called you back, and no one returned your calls.
- ❖ Management enforces community rules differently—or fails to make needed repairs—for residents of certain races.
- ❖ A new owner or manager is evicting or terminating tenants of certain races and replacing them with new tenants of a different race.

IF YOU SUSPECT ILLEGAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE OR COLOR

Contact the *GBLA Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP)* at Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance.

Phone: 661-334-4679 or 855-746-7958 (toll free and California Relay Service)

Email: fairhousing@gbla.org

Website: www.GBLAfairhousing.org

- ❖ FHLP will interview you to find out what happened and advise you of your rights and options.
- ❖ In appropriate cases, FHLP will conduct an investigation to determine if there is evidence of illegal housing discrimination.
- ❖ If FHLP's investigation reveals evidence of housing discrimination, we can assist you in filing a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) or the California Dept. of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH), provide you with legal representation, attempt to resolve the matter through negotiation or landlord education, or take other appropriate steps.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS TO DENY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OR TREAT PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, SEX, FAMILIAL STATUS, DISABILITY, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SOURCE OF INCOME, AGE, OR ARBITRARY CHARACTERISTICS.