Housing Discrimination is Illegal

If you are denied an opportunity to rent a home or apartment—or given false information about a rental—because of your sex or gender identity, 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 sex or gender identity.

Sex discrimination includes sexual harassment—creating a hostile living environment or offering to treat tenants differently in exchange for sexual favors.

**Signs & Examples of Rental Housing Discrimination Based on Sex**

- Landlord requests sexual favors in exchange for a housing benefit (i.e., repairs or improvements, reduced rent), or makes unwelcome sexual advances, comments, or otherwise creates a hostile living environment.
- Different rental qualifications, terms, or rules for men and women.
- Landlord sets “curfew” or prohibits overnight guests for female tenants.
- Landlord threatens to evict a domestic violence victim because of damages or disturbances caused by the abuser.

**IF YOU SUSPECT ILLEGAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX**

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.