

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.

SEX (GENDER)



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.

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.