

# Protections Under Fair Housing Laws

Federal fair housing laws protect your right to live in the place of your choice. They prohibit discrimination on the basis of a person's race, color, national origin, religion, sex/gender (includes gender identity), familial status (children under the age of 18 in the family), and mental or physical disability.

California state laws include additional protected classes, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship, sexual orientation, immigration status, primary language, marital status, source of income, or any other arbitrary reason.



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### Our Mission

To ensure equal housing opportunity and educate the community on the value of diversity in our neighborhoods.

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## How You Can Help

### Make a donation

Your gift can ensure equal housing rights for our residents. Go to our website, [www.fairhousingnorcal.org](http://www.fairhousingnorcal.org), and click on 'Donate'.

### Attend an event

Visit our website for the current schedule of events.

### Host a program

Schedule a fair housing training, outreach workshop, school or other educational program.

### Volunteer opportunities

Become a candidate for our Board of Directors or help with fundraising, marketing, website design, or other areas of expertise. Student and legal interns are welcome.

### Become a fair housing tester

Conduct civil rights investigations that help uncover housing discrimination, through our complaint-based or systemic testing.

## Programs and Services

**For Renters:** Intake, fair housing counseling, investigation, mediation, and assistance in filing complaints; assistance with reasonable accommodation requests for people with disabilities; complaint-based fair housing testing

**For Homeowners:** Foreclosure prevention education and counseling

**For Homebuyers:** Pre-purchase education and counseling

**For Housing Industry:** Fair Housing training, conferences, and resources

**For Community:** Fair housing education and training, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and affordable housing advocacy, and systemic investigations of discrimination

**For Children:** School programs that celebrate diversity: storytelling, and poster and poetry contests

## Service Areas

We are a full-service fair housing agency providing varying levels of service in the counties of Marin, Solano, and Sonoma. For more information, visit our website at [www.fairhousingnorcal.org](http://www.fairhousingnorcal.org).



## Signs of Possible Discrimination

- You are denied housing or harassed in your current home because you are a member of a class protected under fair housing law.
- You are treated worse than other tenants due to your race or the race of your guests.
- You are charged a higher security deposit because you have children, or you are steered to certain parts of a complex.
- You are asked for a green card when applying for an apartment because of your perceived nationality.
- Your prospective landlord tells you she/he doesn't allow more than 3 people in a two-bedroom unit.
- You have a disability and are denied a request for a reasonable accommodation to have an emotional support/service animal.
- You experience sexual harassment from your landlord or his/her staff.
- You experience domestic violence and your landlord asks you to move out for causing a disturbance.