

Have you been discriminated against in a housing situation?

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____

Brief description of housing problem:

Who discriminated against you?

(name, address, telephone number, company)

You were discriminated against because of your:

- Children/Familial Status
- Color
- Sexual Orientation
- Sex
- National Origin
- Age
- Handicap/Disability
- Race
- Marital Status
- Religion
- Source of Income
- Ancestry

For more information contact our office at:

Rural Fair Housing Center: 1-800-997-2752
TTY: 1-888-205-3688



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The CRLA Fair Housing Project

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. is available to provide you with information about your rights under federal and state fair housing laws. Contact us for assistance if you believe you are a victim of housing discrimination. Staff can assist you in filing meritorious complaints with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), California Department of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH) or other appropriate agencies or courts.

Law Offices of California Rural Legal Assistance:

www.crla.org

Coachella (800) 322-2752

Delano (661) 725-4350

El Centro (760) 353-0220

Fresno (559) 441-8721

Gilroy (408) 847-1408

Lamont (661) 845-9066

Madera (559) 674-5671

Marysville (530) 742-5191

Modesto (209) 577-3811

Monterey (831) 375-0505

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Paso Robles (805) 239-3708

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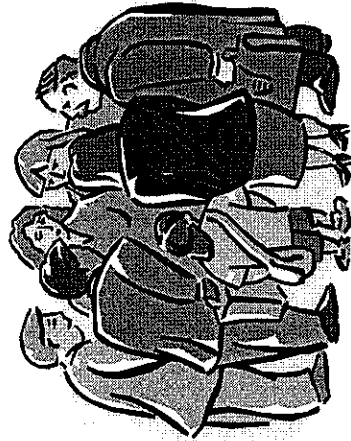
Santa Rosa (707) 528-9941

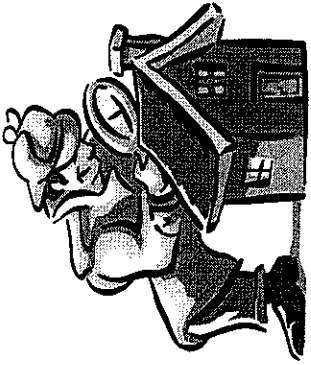
Stockton (209) 946-0605

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Housing Discrimination

Your Right to Fair Housing





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The federal Fair Housing Act and California Fair Housing Laws prohibit the denial of housing to a person based on a person's membership in one or more protected classes. The protected classes are race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, marital status, age, sexual orientation, source of income and handicap/disability.

It is illegal to discriminate against a person in the provision of housing because of a person's membership in a protected class in the following situations:

- the sale or rental of most housing;
- the terms, conditions, privileges of sale or rental, or provision of services or facilities in connection with the sale or rental of most housing;
- the advertising of a sale or rental of housing;
- the representation of the availability of housing for rental or sale;
- the provision of reasonable modification to a dwelling for persons with a handicap at their expense when necessary for the full

use and enjoyment of the dwelling; the provision of reasonable accommodation to the rules, policies, practices or services when necessary to provide persons with a handicap the equal opportunity to use and enjoy the dwelling;

- the financing or refinancing of housing; and,
- the provision of real estate brokerage services.

It is illegal to coerce, intimidate, threaten or interfere with a person in the exercise of enjoyment of rights provided or protected by the laws or become a person aided others to enjoy rights provided or protected by the Act.

Examples of illegal discrimination are:

FALSE DENIAL OF AVAILABILITY

Advising that there are no available units when housing really is available because of the applicant's race or other class membership.

"Sorry we just rented the last unit"

REFUSAL TO DEAL

Refusing to rent, sell, or negotiate with a person because of the person's race or other class membership.

"We don't rent to your kind" or "We don't sell to families with children"

DISCRIMINATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND PROVISION OF SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Giving less favorable terms in sales or rental agreements because of the buyer's or renter's race or other class membership.

"The rent is \$200 higher for persons with a handicap."

DISCRIMINATORY ADVERTISING

Indicating any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race or other class membership.

"Whites only, no children or minorities need apply."

FINANCIAL DISCRIMINATION

Denying any type of home loan for discriminatory reasons by lenders, including banks, savings and loan associations, insurance companies, and others, or giving less favorable loan terms because of the applicant's race or other class membership.

"We have higher interest on loans for homeowners in your community."

BLOCK BUSTING

Persuading a homeowner to sell by stating or implying that minority homeowners moving into the area will cause the property values to decline.

"Why don't you let me sell your house? After all, with your minority neighbors moving in, if you don't sell it soon, your property value will go down."

REFUSAL TO PERMIT A REASONABLE MODIFICATION TO THE UNIT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PERSON WITH THE HANDICAP, IN ORDER THAT THE PERSON MIGHT HAVE FULL ENJOYMENT OF THE UNIT

"You may not install grab bars in the bathroom."

DENIAL OF A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF RENTAL IN ORDER THAT THE PERSON WITH THE HANDICAP MAY HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO USE AND FULLY ENJOY THEIR UNIT

"It's against the rules to have another person live with you, even though there is enough room and the person is needed to help you with your health needs."