

Where can you get help?

If you or anyone you know, has been discriminated against in the rental or sale of a home based on familial status, contact your local fair housing organization for assistance. We can provide you with a number of services including:

- * *Housing Discrimination Complaint Investigation*
- * *Outreach & Education Services*
- * *Enforcement & Litigation*



Contact Information

Housing Rights Center

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Los Angeles, CA 90020

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Pasadena:

1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91103

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West Los Angeles:

3415 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 150

Los Angeles, CA 90034

Phone: 800.477.5977

Fair Housing Council of San Fernando Valley

8134 Van Nuys Blvd. #206

Panorama City, CA 91402

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Fair Housing Foundation

Long Beach:

3605 Long Beach Blvd., Suite 302

Long Beach, CA 90807

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Los Angeles:

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Familial Status Discrimination



What is Familial Status Discrimination?

Under the Federal **Fair Housing Act** and the **California Fair Employment & Housing Act**, housing providers cannot deny housing or provide less favorable treatment to families with children.



These laws give families with children the right to live in their housing on an equal basis with other residents.

“Families with children” is defined as a household where one or more individuals under the age of 18 lives with a parent or legal guardian.

Types of Familial Status

Discrimination

Refusal to Rent

It is illegal for a landlord to refuse to rent a unit to a family with children, for example, because the unit is on the second floor.

Restrictive Rules

Restrictive rules that interfere with a family’s enjoyment of housing or discourage families from occupying a unit can also be forms of discrimination.

Examples of restrictive rules include:

- * Prohibiting children from using a pool or other on-site recreational facilities.
- * Prohibiting all residents under the age of 18 from being outside of their apartment unless they were under direct adult supervision.



Signs prohibiting children from playing outside is a form of familial status discrimination

Advertisements

Suggestive phrases in rental listings such as “no children” or “adults only” used to deter people with children from applying.

Occupancy Restrictions

A landlord may set reasonable occupancy restrictions for residential property as long as the restrictions do not have a discriminatory effect on families with children.

For example, a limit of one person per bedroom has been found to discriminate against families with children because even though it does not prohibit children, it is so restrictive that its effect is to exclude even very small families.

