

The City of



FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

Equal access to housing for all is a right protected by law. Fair Housing laws allow you to obtain the housing of your choice, free from illegal discrimination.

YOU ARE PROTECTED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY LAW.

FEDERAL LAW

prohibits discrimination based on:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National Origin
- Sex (*Gender*)
- Disability
- Familial Status
(*Households with one or more children under age 18*)

STATE LAW

adds protections against discrimination based on:

- Ancestry
- Citizenship, Immigration Status
- Primary Language
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Age
- Medical Condition
- Genetic Information
- Gender Identity, Expression
- Military or Veteran Status
- Other Arbitrary Status

CITY LAW *also prohibits discrimination based on:*

Source of Income (*including rental assistance*)

The City of San Diego's Municipal Code protects tenants from being denied housing solely because they receive rental assistance, such as Section 8 Housing Vouchers, paid directly to the renter, landlord or representative of either.

COMMON VIOLATIONS OF FAIR HOUSING LAW

- Refusal to rent, lease, or sell housing
- Sexual harassment involving unwanted sexual advances or requiring sexual favors for housing rights or privileges
- Discriminatory policies, practices, terms or conditions that result in unequal access to housing or housing-related services
- Refusal to permit reasonable modifications to a dwelling space or common use area, at the tenant's expense, when necessary to accommodate a disability
- Refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services, when necessary to accommodate a disability
- Denial of homeowner's insurance or home loan

YOU ARE PROTECTED AGAINST HOUSING DISCRIMINATION



PRACTICE FAIR HOUSING

Denying an individual the opportunity to rent or buy housing, purchase homeowners insurance or obtain a mortgage loan based on a protected status is discrimination under the law.

FAIR HOUSING HOTLINE 1-844-449-3500

REPORT VIOLATIONS

The City has engaged Legal Aid Society of San Diego Inc. to provide FREE community outreach and legal services.

**FAIR HOUSING CENTER
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO INC.
110 S. Euclid Ave., San Diego, CA 92114**



If you think you have experienced housing discrimination or harassment, contact the Fair Housing Center within one year of the incident. Follow these steps:

- 1. Call the Fair Housing Hotline at 1-844-449-3500.*
- 2. Speak with a housing counselor about the incident.*
- 3. If merited, your complaint will be referred to a legal representative for an impartial investigation.*
- 4. If your complaint is accepted, an attempt will be made to assist both parties in resolving the issue.*
- 5. If the complaint is unresolved and there is evidence that a violation of the law occurred, the complaint may be litigated.*

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