



Fair Housing

Sex (Gender)

Housing Discrimination Based on Sex (Gender) Is Illegal

The federal Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful to discriminate in the rental or sale of housing on the basis of sex. For example, landlords cannot advertise a preference for male or female tenants.

An exemption is permitted in roommate situations where the landlord and tenant share household spaces such as bathrooms or kitchens. This type of shared housing may be restricted to only male resident or to only female residents.

Sexual Harassment Violates Fair Housing Law

Under the Fair Housing Act, it is unlawful to coerce, intimidate, threaten or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of any housing right.

Sexual harassment in housing is seen as a form of gender discrimination because victims usually are female. Harassment involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct that creates a hostile home environment. Examples include:

- Repeated flirtation / sexual advances
- Pressure for dates / sex
- Talking dirty or using sexual innuendoes

Property owners are responsible if any employee, site manager, and maintenance worker is sexually harassing a tenant.

If you suspect housing discrimination, call:

Housing Opportunities Made Equal

2400 Reading Road, Suite 118
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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Examples of Illegal Activity

- A landlord with property near a university cannot refuse to rent to male students because of the belief that they would be more likely than female students to do damage to the apartment.
- Some courts have said that it is illegal discrimination to evict a woman who is the victim of domestic violence because of what has happened to her or because she called police for assistance.

HOME is a private, non-profit fair housing agency serving all of the Greater Cincinnati area. If you believe that you may have experienced discrimination, we can help you by:

- Recording the facts about what happened to you
- Investigating and helping to resolve the complaint
- Offering advice and counsel about enforcement options



Know Your Rental Rights!

Watch for These Signs

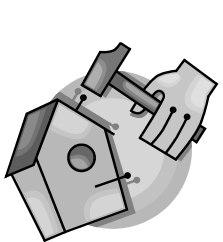
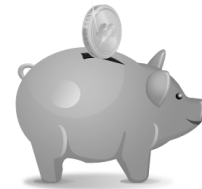


- Landlord wants you to pay in cash.
- Landlord makes verbal promises, but won't put them in writing.



- Some of the pages or papers you are asked to sign are incomplete, or blank.
- Landlord refuses to cooperate in a walk-through of the unit before you move in.

- You are asked to answer questions that seem too personal.
- You are asked to pay an excessive application fee.
- You are asked to pay a non-refundable holding and/or security deposit.
- The rental agreement allows for excessive late fees on top of rental payments.



- The person offering to rent to you is not the true landlord.
- The landlord requires you to make all repairs.
- Apartment repairs are incomplete upon move-in.

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