



Families With Children

Housing Discrimination Against Families With Children Is Illegal

The same Fair Housing law that makes it illegal to discriminate against someone because of their race also makes it illegal to discriminate in housing because there are children in the household.

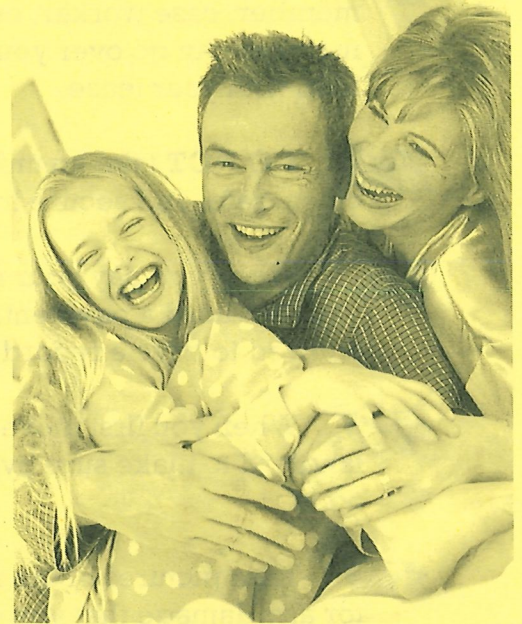
A landlord or condo association cannot have a "no children" policy, nor make decisions based on the age or sex of the children. Courts have found that rules that are overly restrictive on children can also be illegal housing discrimination.

Occupancy Standards

A landlord or jurisdiction may set reasonable occupancy standards. Courts have generally found a maximum of 2 people per bedroom to be reasonable. The standard must be applied equally whether the occupants are children or adults.

Senior Housing

The law allows an exemption for senior or elderly housing. In order to qualify for the exemption there must be a published policy stating that the property is senior housing and at least 80% of the units must be occupied by someone 55 years of age or older.



Examples of Illegal Activity

The landlord cannot say:

- Children are not welcome
- This building is for adults only
- We do rent to families with children, but we will need an additional deposit
- This apartment complex is not suitable for children because it does not have a play area
- I'm sorry, but a parent cannot share a bedroom with a child
- I cannot rent you this apartment, but I do have one over near the play area
- We don't rent to single parents
- You have too many children for this apartment complex

If You Suspect Housing Discrimination, Call

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- Recording the facts about what happened to you
- Investigating and help resolve the complaint
- Offering advice and counseling about your legal options

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