

Get Help Today

Call the Fair Housing Hotline

Illegal housing discrimination can happen to anyone. If you feel you may have been a victim of discrimination, know that you have rights.

Oahu

808.527.8024

Neighbor Islands

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The Fair Housing Enforcement Program

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai`i

*You Have a Right to
Choose Where You Live*

Tel: 808.527.8024



*Keep Discrimination
Out of Our Neighborhoods*

Illegal Housing Discrimination Can Happen to Anyone

Know Your Rights.

Fair housing laws make it illegal to discriminate in the rental, sale, financing, or insurance of housing based on these “Protected Classes”:

- **RACE**— A person’s race or the race of persons with whom one associates.
- **COLOR**—A person’s skin color.
- **NATIONAL ORIGIN**—The country of one’s birth or the nationality of one’s ancestors.
- **RELIGION**—A person’s religious beliefs or denomination.
- **AGE**—The age of a person 18 years or older.
- **SEX**—A person’s gender, including sexual harassment or intimidation
- **MARITAL STATUS**—Whether a person is married, single, divorced, or widowed.
- **FAMILIAL/FAMILY STATUS**—The make up of the family, including size of family, number of children, and pregnant women.
- **DISABILITY/HANDICAP**—A physical or mental disability, which limits a major life activity like walking, breathing, learning, or sleeping.
- **HIV INFECTION**

Ever Heard These Explanations?

- “Sorry, but this is a no-keiki building.”
- “I’m not sure you would be comfortable in this neighborhood.”
- “I know the ad said the rent was \$900, but I’m telling you it is \$1200.”
- “You said you needed your stove fixed? Well, how badly do you want it honey?”
- “I understand that you need a guide-dog, but this is a ‘no-pet’ building.”

There is no good explanation for illegal housing discrimination.

- “Families with children are not allowed to live on the second floor.”
- “Congratulations on the birth of your new baby! Of course, you will have to pay an extra \$50 per month.”
- “You can look at the apartment if you want, but I’ll tell you right now. There are no other Chinese people in the building.”
- “I’m sorry, but we can’t reserve a parking space for you just because you are disabled.”

It’s Against the Law.

How Can We Help You?

The Fair Housing Enforcement Program assists people who believe they have been a victim of illegal housing discrimination. Our services include:

- Answering fair housing questions
- Assistance with filing a formal complaint to a government agency
- Advice about how to assert your fair housing rights
- Informational materials
- Referrals to other organizations that can help you with your housing needs
- Educating the community about fair housing rights

Please feel free to call our hotline, even if you are not sure that what happened to you is against the law.

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