



Who We Are

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) is a statewide civil rights organization that proactively promotes housing justice, equity, and inclusion. Our mission is to end illegal housing discrimination and promote equal access to housing choice through education and enforcement of fair housing law.

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How to Get Support

If you are experiencing discrimination with housing because of your sexual orientation or gender identity, here are some steps you can take:

- Document evidence/incidents.
- Contact FHCO with your concerns and provide documentation.
- Work with FHCO to advocate, investigate, and/or litigate.

Other Resources:

Movement Advocacy Project:

www.LGBTmap.org

Sage:

www.sageusa.org

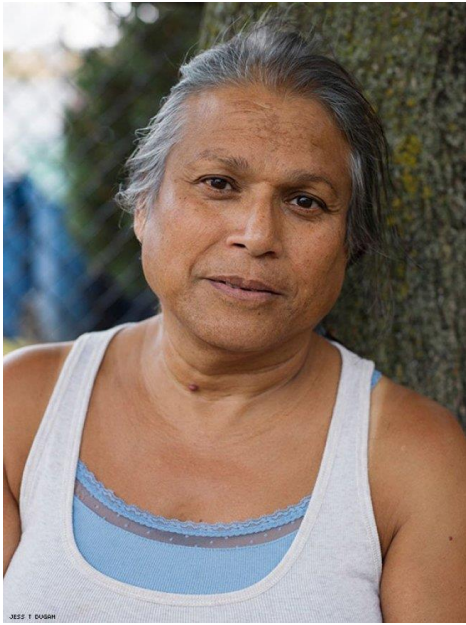


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**FAIR
HOUSING
RIGHTS FOR
AGING
2SLGBTQ+
PEOPLE**

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2SLGBTQ+ Aging Factors

- Twice as likely to be single and living alone, with isolation adding to morbidity and mortality
- Four times less likely to have children
- More likely to be estranged from family of origin
- More likely to be caregivers for their friends
- Nearly 1/3 live at or below poverty level
- Face high rates of discrimination in long-term care facilities
- Aging 2SLGBTQ+ people of color face even higher rates of overall discrimination

“Without community, there is no liberation.” ~ Audre Lorde

Red Flags of Discrimination

- Housing provider gives false information about availability and/or prices of units.
- Housing provider applies different rules to 2SLGBTQ+ residents.
- Housing provider/neighbors refuse to use self-identified gender pronouns to 2SLGBTQ+ residents.
- Housing provider/neighbors use homophobic/transphobic language.



With such discrimination, 2SLGBTQ+ elders often feel forced back into the closet in order to acquire housing. This in turn amplifies stress and health risks among 2SLGBTQ+ elders.

Fair Housing Rights of 2SLGBTQ+ People

January 1, 2008

Oregon bans unfair discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

January 20, 2021

By executive order, sexual orientation and gender identity are added under the federally protected class of sex in Fair Housing Law.



Who Must Comply with Fair Housing Law

- Landlords/property managers
- Real estate agents
- Banks/mortgage lenders
- Appraisers
- Maintenance staff/subcontractors
- Neighbors
- Advertising media
- Insurers
- Long-term care facilities, including staff, volunteers, and guests
- Homeowner associations (HOAs)
- RV park managers/owners
- Jurisdictions
- Housing authorities