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Fair Housing Rights



In the state of Oregon, **it is against the law** for housing providers to discriminate against people on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Has this happened to you?

- You're harassed by neighbors at your apartment complex because you are transgender;
- You're told by your landlord that he/she could not do anything to stop your neighbors from harassing you;
- You're asked if you are transgender when you request admission to temporary housing;
- You're denied access to a homeless shelter because of your sexual orientation or gender identity;
- You're given a notice of eviction because you stood up for your rights to fair housing;
- You're denied admission into a seniors' residence because of your LGBT status;
- You're told your family is ineligible for public housing because of your sexual orientation;
- Your self-identification of gender is not accepted by housing staff;
- You're told by a real estate agent that they will not help you find a home because they only work with married or heterosexual couples.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION!

The law protects your right to file a complaint. Retaliating against you by denying service, threatening eviction or other ways is against the law.

What can you do?

- Keep records of all documents – notes, notices, receipts, phone messages, contracts, letters, etc.
- Take pictures of the problem if you can.
- Get names and numbers of people involved.
- Get numbers – date of the incident, address where it happened, costs.
- Talk to neighbors – who else is experiencing this? Who saw it happen?

THE FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF OREGON IS HERE TO HELP!

If you think you have faced discrimination, or if you would like more information about your rights, call our hotline at **1-800-424-3247**, extension 2, or visit our website at **www.fhco.org**. All of our services are free and confidential.

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental civil rights organization serving Oregon.



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