

# SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN HOUSING

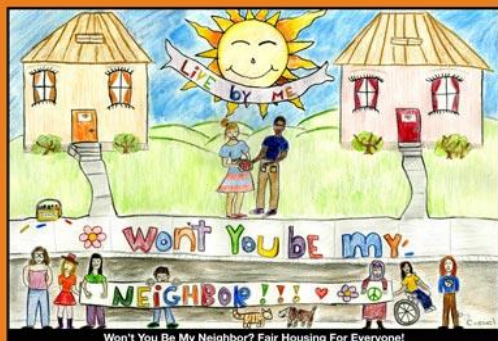


**IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE LAW FOR A HOUSING PROVIDER OR THEIR EMPLOYEE TO:**

- Ask you to trade sex for rent;
- Threaten to evict you because you refuse to have sex or because you report the harassment;
- Refuse to rent you an apartment or admit you into a shelter unless you promise to have sex with him/her;
- Not make repairs because you won't have sex or because you tell him/her to stop;
- Make sexual comments to you that make you feel threatened or uncomfortable;
- Touch you in an unwanted sexual way;
- Rape or sexually assault you.

Even if you have gone along with demands for sex in the past, **you have the right to stop it now. All of these actions are against the law.**

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT!**



Thirtieth Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest  
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If you believe you have experienced housing discrimination or want to learn more about Fair Housing laws, call the Fair Housing Council of Oregon at (503) 223-8197 or (800) 424-3247. Please visit [www.fhco.org/contact.htm](http://www.fhco.org/contact.htm) for more information.

## What is Sexual Harassment in Housing?

Sexual harassment in housing is when a housing provider or their employee makes unwelcome sexual advances, demands sex, uses other words or acts of a sexual nature, rapes or sexually assaults you.

Your landlord must also respond to resident on resident harassment!



## 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?

You have the right to file a complaint against the people who have sexually harassed you. You have up to 1 year to file a complaint after the discrimination happens and 2 years to file a lawsuit. If you would like more information about your rights, you may call **THE FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF OREGON** hotline at **1-800-424-3247**, extension 2, or visit our website at **[www.fhco.org](http://www.fhco.org)**. Our services are free and confidential.

Your safety is the most important thing. If you have been assaulted – **call 911** for help.



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