



# Fair Housing Rights

## For the LGBTQ+ Community



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- You're told by your landlord that they 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.



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- 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, you may **email [enforcement@fhco.org](mailto:enforcement@fhco.org)** or visit our website at [www.fhco.org](http://www.fhco.org) and **click the button that reads "Report Housing Discrimination"**. All of our services are free and confidential.



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