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- Make sexual comments to you that make you feel threatened or uncomfortable;
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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?

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If you think you have faced discrimination, or if you would like more information about your rights, you may **email enforcement@fhco.org** or visit our website at www.fhco.org and **click the button that reads "Report Housing Discrimination"**. All of 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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