

FAIR HOUSING FOR IMMIGRANTS



National origin discrimination is different treatment in housing because of a person's ancestry, ethnicity, birthplace, culture, or language, and it is illegal.

Examples of illegal housing discrimination based on your immigration status or where you were born:

- Your landlord refuses to make repairs on your apartment, but does it for others who are not immigrants;
- You are told that all the people who speak your language live in a particular part of the property, and you would be more comfortable there with them;
- You are told you cannot have guests because they are from other countries;
- You tell the landlord that your neighbors are saying hurtful things to your family about the country you came from, and he/she does nothing to stop the harassment;
- You are asked where you were born when you apply for an apartment;
- A landlord charges a different rent or asks for more information or documents because of the country you come from;
- A landlord refuses to rent to you because your first language is not English;
- A landlord denies you housing because you do not have a social security number or government issued identification card.

The Fair Housing Act protects every person in the United States. Your immigration status does not affect your fair housing rights.



IT'S AGAINST THE LAW for a landlord to turn you down for housing or treat you differently from others because of your national origin: the country where you were born, your name, appearance, accent or customs, immigration status or because you associate with people who are immigrants.

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, you may 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.



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