



The Housing Rights Center's (HRC) mission is to actively support and promote freedom of residence through education, advocacy and litigation, to the end that all persons have the opportunity to secure the housing they desire and can afford, without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, ancestry, age, source of income, or other characteristics protected by law.

Since 1968, HRC has identified and addressed the challenges of housing discrimination without interruption, and continues to expand and diversify its services and programs to meet the need and ever changing issue of fair housing.

HRC provides residents within the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties with free (1) housing discrimination investigation, (2) enforcement and impact litigation, (3) outreach and public education, and (4) landlord-tenant counseling.

Call HRC today to learn about your rights and responsibilities.

Housing Rights Center

**For Free Assistance,
Please Call:**

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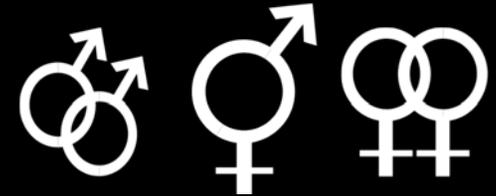
Walk-in Clinics are also conducted in
Alhambra, Carson, East Los Angeles,
Inglewood, Lancaster, Monterey Park,
Palmdale & West Los Angeles.

Visit our website for clinic days & hours



**FAIR HOUSING
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Sexual Orientation Discrimination



**Discrimination Based
On Sexual Orientation,
Gender Characteristics
or Gender Identity**

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Did You Know?

- California law prohibits landlords from refusing to rent to a tenant because of his or her sexual orientation, gender characteristics or gender identity.
- Landlords are also prohibited from treating tenants differently because of their sexual orientation or gender characteristics, or because that tenant associates with gay, lesbian, or bisexual, transgender or intersex friends.
- The law protects those who are perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex no matter what their sexual orientation or gender identity may be.

Examples of Discrimination

- A manager refuses to rent to someone who is gay, lesbian or bisexual because it is against his/her religious beliefs.
- A manager refuses to allow a same-sex couple to rent a unit on the same terms as an opposite-sex couple.
- A manager makes derogatory or insulting comments about a tenant's actual or perceived sexual orientation.
- A manager imposes different house rules restricting overnight guests when the guest is the same sex as the tenant.
- A manager refuses to intervene when a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex tenant is being harassed by other tenants within the same building.
- A manager inquires as to the sexual orientation of a tenant or prospective tenant.

Stand Up Against Hate

If you or anyone you know has been a victim of housing discrimination contact the Housing Rights Center immediately.

Fair housing agencies are here to help you enforce your rights and eliminate discriminatory practices.

It is against the law for a landlord or manager to retaliate against a tenant because that tenant exercised their fair housing rights.

EXAMPLES OF RETALIATION INCLUDE:

- * A manager giving a rent increase to a tenant for reporting discriminatory behavior.
- * A landlord evicting or threatening to evict a tenant for exercising their fair housing rights.
- * A manager revoking a tenant's parking privilege to punish the tenant for filing a complaint.