

## GET HELP TODAY!

ILLEGAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE. IF YOU FEEL YOU MAY HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF DISCRIMINATION, KNOW THAT YOU HAVE RIGHTS.

## CALL THE FAIR HOUSING HOTLINE

### OAHU

808.527.8024

### NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

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(866.527.3247)

All services are provided free of charge.

**There are no income eligibility requirements.**



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## KEEP DISCRIMINATION OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

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The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii was founded in 1950 by community leaders--including Judges Sam King and Betty Vitousek. Their mission to provide equal access to justice for all Hawaii residents still guides Legal Aid today.

Legal Aid helps people with their legal problems so they can focus on improving their lives. We specialize in family, housing, employment, public benefits, and consumer rights, empowering people to: get out of abusive situations; fight illegal evictions; secure medical and financial entitlements; and handle creditors and collectors.

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# LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAI'I

Helping the people of Hawaii since 1950

## FAIR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT PROJECT

*You have the right to choose where you live.*



The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii is the state's largest public-interest legal service provider, dedicated to helping Hawaii's low to medium income population with their critical civil legal needs.

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## EVER HEARD THESE EXPLANATIONS?

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- “Sorry, but this is a no-keiki building.”
- “I’m not sure you would be comfortable in this neighborhood.”
- “I know the ad said the rent was \$900, but I’m telling you it is \$1200.”
- “You said you needed your stove fixed? Well, how badly do you want it honey?”
- “I understand that you need a guide-dog, but this is a ‘no-pet’ building.”

## THERE IS NO GOOD EXPLANATION FOR HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

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- “Families with children are not allowed to live on the second floor.”
- “Congratulations on the birth of your new baby! Of course, you will have to pay an extra \$50 per month.”
- “You can look at the apartment if you want, but I’ll tell you right now, there are no other Chinese people in the building.”
- “I’m sorry, but we can’t reserve a parking space for you just because you are disabled.”

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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Fair housing laws make it illegal to discriminate in the rental, sale, financing, or insurance of housing based on these “Protected Classes”:

- **RACE**— A person’s race or the race of persons with whom one associates.
- **COLOR**—A person’s skin color.
- **NATIONAL ORIGIN**—The country of one’s birth or the nationality of one’s ancestors.
- **RELIGION**—A person’s religious beliefs or denomination.
- **AGE**—The age of a person 18 years or older.
- **SEX**—A person’s gender, including sexual harassment or intimidation
- **GENDER IDENTITY or EXPRESSION**— Includes a person’s actual or perceived gender or gender-related expression or appearance.
- **SEXUAL ORIENTAION**—Having a sexual preference or being identified or perceived as having a certain sexual preference.
- **MARITAL STATUS**—Whether a person is married, single, divorced, or widowed.
- **FAMILIAL/FAMILY STATUS**—The make up of the family, including size of family, number of children, and pregnant women.
- **DISABILITY/HANDICAP**—A physical or mental disability, which limits a major life activity like walking, breathing, learning, or sleeping.
- **HIV INFECTION**

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

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The Fair Housing Enforcement Program assists people who believe they have been a victim of illegal housing discrimination.

### Our services include:

- Answering fair housing questions
- Assistance with filing a formal complaint to a government agency
- Advice about how to assert your fair housing rights
- Informational materials
- Referrals to other organizations that can help you with your housing needs
- Educating the community about fair housing rights

Please feel free to call our hotline, even if you are not sure that what happened to you is against the law.

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