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## **...TO DISCRIMINATION-FREE HOUSING**

### **What is Discrimination in Housing?**

Landlords must treat their tenants fairly. Landlords are not allowed to discriminate when deciding who to rent to, or who to evict from their properties. This means they cannot take people's protected characteristics, like their race, religion, marital or family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or source of income into consideration when making these decisions.

### **What does Discrimination in Housing look like?**

- A landlord refuses to rent to someone because she is a single mother and receives social assistance.
- A tenant reports that another tenant in the building is making homophobic or racist comments to them, but the landlord doesn't do anything to address it.

### **What does the law say?**

The BC Human Rights Code protects us from discrimination in our tenancies. The law says landlords must not refuse to rent to you, evict you, or otherwise treat you badly on the basis of any of your protected characteristics.

### **What can I do?**

If you believe your landlord has discriminated against you, you can make a complaint to the BC Human Rights Tribunal. You must file your complaint within one year of the event. There is no cost. The Tribunal might award you compensation for what happened. You might also find a resolution with the help of a Tribunal mediator.

### **Who can help?**

The BC Human Rights Clinic, part of the Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS), provides free legal help with human rights complaints. Visit their website or call for more information or to book an appointment:

[www.bchrc.net](http://www.bchrc.net)

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