



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Gender-Based Discrimination in Housing

Sexual harassment in housing is a form of gender discrimination

Everyone has a right to be free from sexual harassment and gender discrimination by their landlord or other individuals who might be in control of their housing

If you are a tenant or a prospective tenant, it is unlawful discrimination for a landlord, property manager, or loan officer, to:

- Request or demand sex in exchange for rent;
- Offer a lower rent in exchange for sex;
- Make repeated unwelcome comments of a sexual nature;
- Evict a tenant, raise their rent, refuse to make repairs or take other retaliatory action for refusing sexual advances;
- Comment on how your body looks;
- Show you sexually explicit images or videos;
- Ask for sexual photos of you;
- Disqualify a potential tenant or take other retaliatory action for refusing sexual advances.

If you have experienced discrimination and/or sexual harassment by a landlord or related housing individual, there are resources available to help

File a report with the Civil Rights Division of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General online at <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CivilRights/default.aspx> or by calling 410-576-6300.

Other available legal resources:

- Maryland Legal Aid at (410) 260-1392; or
- The Equal Rights Center (202) 234-3062.



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