

TENANT RIGHTS

APPLYING FOR HOUSING

There are laws in place about how much an application fee can be and why a tenant's application can be denied.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

- Landlords cannot discriminate against a tenant for source of income, immigration status, disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, familial status, religion, national origin, or ancestry.
- HABITABILITY
 Rental units need to be safe for people to live in.
- EVICTION

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- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- Victims of domestic violence have certain protections from eviction and rights to end a lease for fear of safety.
- SECURITY DEPOSIT

 Must be returned (or an accounting provided) within 30 days (or 60 days if lease allows). It cannot be kept to cover normal wear and tear.
- MOBILE HOMES

 Mobile home owners who rent lot space in a mobile home park have additional rights.
- RENT INCREASES

 A landlord cannot increase rent more than once in 12 months for a tenant, and they have to give proper notice of any increase.

Each law is way more complex than as summarized above!

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