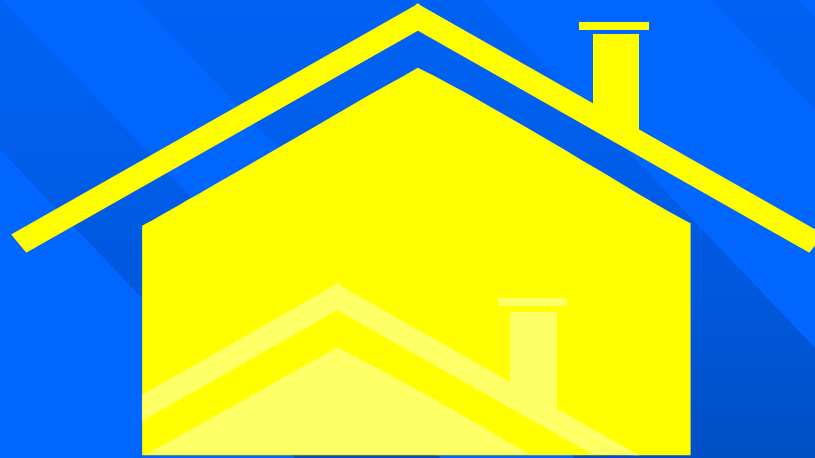


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"I DON'T FEEL SAFE IN MY HOME ANYMORE."
"I'M SCARED!"
"my landlord's comments are ALWAYS sexual."

"This isn't FAIR!"
"I FEEL SO VIOLATED."
"Who can I call?"

"I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO."
"I Need Help!"
"If I don't give in to the advances, I will get evicted!"

"Who will believe me?"
"SEX FOR HOME REPAIRS IS WRONG."
"I felt like I didn't have a CHOICE."

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BECAUSE SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN HOUSING IS ILLEGAL.

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Fair Housing Awareness



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

HARASSMENT IN HOUSING BASED ON RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, SEX, DISABILITY, OR FAMILY STATUS IS ILLEGAL. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT, CONTACT HUD TO REPORT IT.

- America has experienced tremendous progress since the Fair Housing Act became the law of the land, but when housing options are limited, it makes it more difficult for individuals and families to access the good schools, jobs, and economic opportunity they need to get ahead.

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- Last year alone, HUD and its Fair Housing Assistance Program partner agencies received almost 8,000 complaints alleging some form of discrimination based on one of the Fair Housing Act's seven protected classes: race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability. What's more, anecdotal evidence suggests that many other instances went unreported.

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- The Department has stepped up its efforts to address discriminatory practices that deny housing based on an individual's race or national origin, combat lending discrimination, protect the rights of persons with disabilities, and advance the program that increases job opportunities for low-income individuals and contracting opportunities for the businesses that hire them.

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- While any form of discrimination stains the very fabric of our nation, HUD is especially focused on protecting the right of individuals to feel safe and secure in their homes, free from sexual harassment or unwanted sexual advances.

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- The Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority (KCKHA) paid \$360,000 in damages to 14 current and former female KCKHA residents settling allegations that housing authority employees subjected the residents and prospective applicants to sexual harassment.
- The settlement also required KCKHA to obtain fair housing training for its staff, adopt new policies and procedures to prevent its employees from engaging in sexual harassment in the future, and establish a method through which residents can file complaints with KCKHA management regarding sexual harassment.

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- In April 2018, HUD reached settlements with Florida, Virginia, and California landlords involving allegations of sexual harassment, totaling approximately \$125,000 in relief for the victims.

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- In the Jacksonville, Florida, case, HUD entered into a Conciliation/Voluntary Compliance Agreement with that city's housing authority, resolving allegations that a female resident was sexually harassed on multiple occasions by a housing authority employee, including being threatened with eviction if she did not submit to his requests.

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- In the Richmond, Virginia, case, HUD reached a Conciliation Agreement resolving allegations that an independent living facility failed to take reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment of a female tenant by another tenant.

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- In the Bakersfield, California, case, the Department reached a Conciliation Agreement with a landlord resolving allegations that the landlord made repeated unwanted sexual advances toward a male tenant with a mental disability and ultimately evicted the man for refusing his advances.

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- HUD also charged the owner of a mobile home park in Lexington, Tennessee, with discrimination for allegedly pressuring two female tenants, who at the time were a same-sex couple, to perform sexual favors for him instead of paying rent.

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- HUD approved a Conciliation Agreement between the owners of a Reno, Nevada, apartment building and its property manager and a female resident, resolving allegations that the manager sexually harassed the woman. Under the agreement, the owner and manager will pay the woman \$7,000, attend fair housing training, and modify their lease agreements to include a statement indicating that they will not engage in discriminatory practices.

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