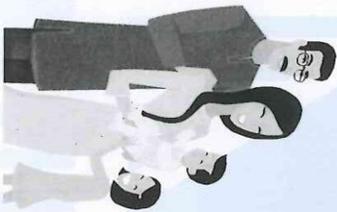


Are you looking for

# Housing for You and Your Family?

Increase your chances  
of finding housing  
with a limited income  
in today's tough market



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## The Housing Search

### Where to Look for Housing

- Ask everyone you know to keep an eye out for available housing.
- Drive around looking for signs and available units. Talk to managers about what you are looking for.
- Check bulletin boards, visit service agencies and real estate offices and ask for listings.
- Check rental websites, large and small newspapers and real estate magazines.
- Get listings of affordable housing units.

### Tips for Your Housing Search

- Before you start looking, check your credit report to be aware of any problems. Obtain a free copy at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).
- Attend a credit clean up program if needed.
- Have the required information organized and readily available. (Bank accounts, landlord and personal references, credit information, etc.)
- If you like a unit, fill out an application there and leave a deposit.
- Fill out the application completely. Be as neat, thorough and accurate as possible. Provide full name, address and phone numbers of previous landlords and references. Provide information that can be verified. Don't be afraid to ask questions if there is something you don't understand on the application.
- Include all sources of income: employment, alimony, TANF, child support, social security, etc.
- Bring any documentation that the manager requires.
- Don't wait for a call back. Call the manager to show interest.

## Housing Discrimination

### Clues of Possible Discrimination

#### A landlord or manager tells you...

- "We don't allow more than three people in a two bedroom apartment."
- "We don't rent to children because the balcony and stairs are unsafe."
- "There is no place for children to play."
- "We only rent first floor units to families with children for safety or noise reasons."
- "We just rented the apartment." But the ad still appears.
- "You might fit better in the Canal."
- "We need to see your green card."
- "We'll call you," but they never do.

**HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON FAMILIAL STATUS (CHILDREN), RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, COLOR, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, RELIGION, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY, AGE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR SOURCE OF INCOME IS AGAINST THE LAW.**

Child discrimination is often linked to race, marital status or national origin. If you suspect unfair treatment, call Fair Housing of Marin.

### Fair Housing of Marin Programs

- Intake, counseling and investigation of housing discrimination complaints and mediation with owners or managers
- Referral and support when filing a complaint
- Education programs for tenants and housing providers to promote fair housing and human rights, and for reclosure prevention programs

## Community Resources

Housing Discrimination	457-5025
• Fair Housing of Marin.....	
Housing Listings	
• <a href="http://www.craigslst.org">www.craigslst.org</a>	
Landlord & Tenant Issues	
• Marin County District Attorney.....	473-7454
• Legal Aid of Marin.....	492-0230
• Legal Self Help Services of Marin.....	444-7130
Transitional Housing	
• Homeward Bound.....	382-3363
• Salvation Army.....	459-4520
Emergency Family Needs	
• Adopt A Family of Marin.....	456-7805
• Community Action Marin.....	526-7500
• Ritter Center.....	457-8182
• Novato Human Needs.....	897-4147
• Canal Alliance.....	454-2640
• Department of Social Services.....	473-7175
• Catholic Charities.....	507-4262
• Women Helping All People.....	332-1703
• St. Vincent De Paul Society.....	454-3303
Referrals	
• Call 211 or visit <a href="http://www.211sf.org">www.211sf.org</a>	
Other Services	
• MCL.....	459-6245
• Services for people with disabilities	
• Marin Housing Authority.....	491-2525
• Subsidized housing (Section 8)	

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