



DISCRIMINATION IS AGAINST THE LAW

DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS IS PROHIBITED UNDER THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

The law requires “full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments.” Business establishments covered by the law include, but are not limited to:

- Hotels and motels
- Nonprofit organizations
- Restaurants
- Theaters
- Barber shops and beauty salons
- Hospitals
- Housing accommodations
- Local government and public agencies
- Retail establishments

HATE VIOLENCE

Under the Ralph Civil Rights Act, it is against the law for any person to threaten or commit acts of violence against a person or property based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, marital status, medical condition, genetic information, disability, sex/gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or position in a labor dispute.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is a violation of civil law in addition to being a criminal offense. In 2016, AB 1684 (Stone) gave DFEH authority to receive, investigate, conciliate, mediate, and prosecute civil complaints alleging human trafficking under California Civil Code, § 52.5, the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING IS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA FROM UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, AND FROM HATE VIOLENCE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Also find us on:



If you have a disability that prevents you from submitting a written intake form on-line, by mail, or email, the DFEH can assist you by scribing your intake by phone or, for individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or have speech disabilities, through the California Relay Service (711), or call us through your VRS at (800) 884-1684 (voice).

To schedule an intake appointment, contact the Communication Center at (800) 884-1684 (voice or via relay operator 711) or (800) 700-2320 (TTY) or by email at contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov.

The DFEH is committed to providing access to our materials in an alternative format as a reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities when requested.

Contact the DFEH at (800) 884-1684 (voice or via relay operator 711), TTY (800) 700-2320, or contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov to discuss your preferred format to access our materials or webpages.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) enforces California state laws that prohibit harassment and discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations and that provide for pregnancy leave and family and personal medical leave. It also accepts and investigates complaints alleging hate violence or threats of hate violence and human trafficking.

DFEH enforces these laws by:

- ① Investigating harassment, discrimination, and denial of leave complaints
- ② Assisting parties to voluntarily resolve complaints involving alleged violations of the laws enforced by DFEH
- ③ Prosecuting violations of the law
- ④ Educating Californians about the laws prohibiting harassment and discrimination by providing written materials and participating in seminars and conferences

FILING A COMPLAINT

If you believe you are a victim of discrimination, hate violence, or human trafficking, you may, within one year of the alleged discrimination, file a complaint with DFEH by contacting DFEH on our website or by phone as described on the back of this brochure. DFEH processes complaints filed by persons with terminal illnesses on a priority basis.

YOU ARE PROTECTED



DISCRIMINATION IS PROHIBITED

The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) prohibits harassment and discrimination in employment based on the following:

- Race
- Color
- Religion (includes religious dress and grooming practices)
- Sex/gender (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions)
- Gender identity, gender expression
- Sexual orientation
- Marital status
- Medical Condition (genetic characteristics, cancer or a record or history of cancer)
- Military or veteran status
- National origin (includes language use and possession of a driver's license issued to persons unable to prove their presence in the United States is authorized under federal law)
- Ancestry
- Disability (mental and physical, including HIV/AIDS, cancer, and genetic characteristics)
- Genetic information
- Request for family care leave
- Request for leave for an employee's own serious health condition
- Request for Pregnancy Disability Leave
- Retaliation for reporting patient abuse in tax-supported institutions
- Age (over 40)

DISCRIMINATION IS PROHIBITED IN ALL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ① *Advertisements*
- ② *Applications, screening, and interviews*
- ③ *Hiring, transferring, promoting, terminating, or separating employees*
- ④ *Working conditions*
- ⑤ *Participation in a training or apprenticeship program, employee organization, or union*

DISCRIMINATION IS PROHIBITED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE HOUSING BUSINESS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ① *Advertisements*
- ② *Mortgage lending and insurance*
- ③ *Application and selection processes*
- ④ *Terms, conditions, and privileges of occupancy, including freedom from harassment*
- ⑤ *Public and private land-use practices, including the existence of restrictive covenants*

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodation in rules, policies, practices, and services and are also permitted, at their own expense, to reasonably modify their dwelling to ensure full enjoyment of the premises.

As in employment discrimination law, individuals are protected from retaliation for filing complaints.

FEHA also prohibits discrimination in the rental and sale of housing based on the following:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- Gender
- Gender identity
- Gender expression
- Sexual orientation
- Marital status
- National origin (including language use restrictions)
- Ancestry
- Familial status (households with children under age 18, individuals who are pregnant, or who are pending legal custody of a child under age 18)
- Source of income
- Disability (mental and physical, including HIV/AIDS, cancer, and genetic characteristics)
- Genetic information

CALIFORNIA WORKERS ARE:

- Guaranteed reasonable accommodation or leave if disabled because of pregnancy, or if your job would cause undue risk to you or your pregnancy's successful completion (if working for an employer of more than 5 employees)
- Guaranteed leave for the birth or adoption of a child; for the employee's own serious health condition; or to care for a parent, spouse, or child with a serious health condition (if working for an employer of more than 50 employees)
- Protected from harassment because of their sex, race, or any other category covered under the law
- Protected from retaliation for filing a complaint with DFEH, for participating in the investigation of a complaint, or for protesting possible violations of the law
- California workers with disabilities are also entitled to reasonable accommodation when necessary in order to perform the job