

CITY OF FOSTER CITY INFORMATION ON TENANT RIGHTS



- All rental housing must be habitable and safe.
- Every tenant has a right to privacy. In most cases, a landlord must provide advance notice before entering a unit.
- Federal and California laws forbid housing discrimination.
- California law protects tenants from retaliation for certain actions by a tenant, including making complaints about a housing unit's condition.
- California law protects tenants from harassment.
- Leases and other documents making substantial changes to rights of parties must be translated into certain languages if the lease is negotiated on one of those languages.

Tenant Protection Act of 2019 (AB 1482)

Effective January 1, 2020, California adopted the Tenant Protection Act of 2019, also called AB 1482, which provides for statewide rent increase limits and just cause eviction protections. However, not all rental housing is covered, including deed-restricted affordable housing and rental properties less than 15 years old.

<https://www.smcgov.org/housing/tenants-protections-and-rights>

Housing Discrimination and Fair Housing Information

Contact the California Civil Rights Department to learn about California's Fair Employment and Housing Act or to file a claim.

<https://civildrights.ca.gov>

Where to Get Legal Help

Call the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County at (650) 517-8911

<https://www.legalaidsmc.org>

California Tenants' Guide

The State of California issues the California Tenants, A Guide to Residential Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities. The guide provides information about leases, maintenance, repairs, inspections, and security deposits.

www.courts.ca.gov/documents/California-Tenants-Guide.pdf - 2022-06-29

If you live in a Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Unit in Foster City

If you live in an affordable housing unit in Foster City, your property is subject to certain regulatory agreements and rules. Contact the City's Housing Coordinator to learn more. If you are experiencing a disagreement with your landlord and would like to request professional mediation services, please contact the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center.

<https://www.pcrweb.org/request-a-service>

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