

# Has this happened to you? We can help!

**? Our neighbors have been complaining about our fights and now we're being evicted.**

**What can I do?**

**!** If you are the victim of domestic violence and receive a notice to vacate from your landlord, you may not have to move. In Washington state, both the fair housing laws and the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act (RLTA) provide protections against evictions in this situation.

**? I was the victim of domestic violence within the last 90 days and I need to get out of my lease early. Who can help me?**

**!** New protections under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act (RLTA) in Washington may allow you to end your lease early. See the back panel for more information on recent changes to the RLTA and where to find help.



**? My boyfriend hit me and is serving time in jail. Now no one will rent to me and my children. What are my rights?**

**!** Under fair housing laws, a landlord cannot deny you a place to live simply because you were a victim of domestic violence. **If this happens to you, contact your local fair housing agency immediately for assistance.** The RLTA also provides similar protections to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.



**Seattle Office for Civil Rights**  
206-684-4500  
TTY 206-684-4503

**King County Office of Civil Rights**  
206-296-7592  
TTY 206-296-7596

**Washington State  
Human Rights Commission**  
800-233-3247  
TTY 800-300-7525

**Tacoma Human Rights  
& Human Services Department**  
253-591-5151  
TTY 253-591-5153

**Fair Housing Center  
of South Puget Sound**  
253-274-9523 TTY 711  
888-766-8800

**Northwest Fair Housing Alliance**  
509-325-2665 TTY 711  
800-200-3247 (in 509 area)

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## **New Increased Protections Available Under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act!**

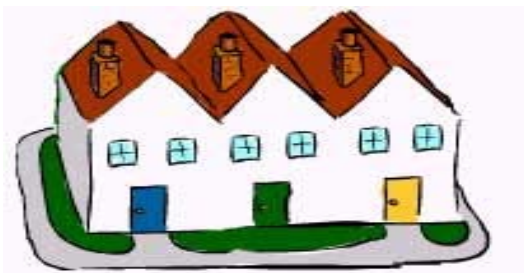
As of March 2004, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking have increased protections under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act (RLTA) in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW 59.18).

**For information contact:**

**Northwest Justice Project's  
CLEAR hotline: 888-201-1014  
TTY 888-201-9737**

**or**

**Northwest Women's Law  
Center: 206-621-7691  
TTY 206-521-4317**



No one has the right to hurt you or threaten you. If you think you may be a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, you can find support and resources by contacting:

**Domestic Violence Hotline:  
800-562-6025 V/TTY**

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**You are protected by the  
fair housing laws regardless  
of your immigration status.**

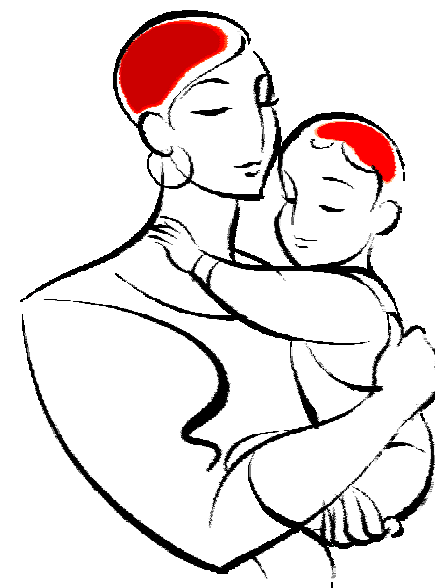
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