

CITIZENSHIP AND HOUSING

Renters: Know Your Rights!

Under the Fair Housing act, you **cannot** be denied housing because of your...

Race, ethnicity, or national origin

Disability

Religion

Family status

Gender identity or sexual orientation

If this happens to you, call Legal Aid or Conexión Américas.

Can I rent an apartment if I'm **not** a U.S. citizen?

Yes! Your rights as a renter are protected **no matter what your citizenship status is**. Some of the rights you have are:

- You can **request repairs** when something breaks in your apartment.
- Your landlord cannot **change your locks, shut off your utilities, or remove your belongings** without the sheriff.
- You should **get your security deposit back** as long as you didn't damage the apartment or break your lease.

If your landlord violates **any** of these rights, call **Conexión Américas**.

What is my landlord allowed to ask me for?



Photo ID



Proof of income

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Social Security number



Background check

If you're **not** a U.S. citizen, your landlord might need a few extra papers, like an **alien income tax return** (also called a 1040-NR), but they **cannot** refuse to rent to you just because you're not a citizen.

My landlord is threatening to report me to ICE. What can I do?

Your landlord **cannot** threaten to report you to ICE to **make you leave** or **keep you from requesting repairs**. If this happens to you, call **Conexión Américas** or file a complaint with the **HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity** at hud.gov/fairhousing.



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