

Questions you should not be asked when looking for a place to live

Things your landlord cannot ask

Some landlords may ask for information that they do not need to know. This could be discrimination.

These are some questions that a landlord should NOT be asking you:

What is your Social Insurance Number? Where do you get your money?

A landlord should not ask about your source of income. Your Social Insurance Number can be used to identify you as a Temporary Foreign Worker or refugee. A landlord does not need your Social Insurance Number to rent to you.

Do you have kids? Are you planning to have kids?

A landlord should not ask about your family status.

Do you take any medication?

A landlord should not ask about your mental disability or physical disability.

Where are you from?

A landlord should not ask about your ancestry or place of birth.

Are you single? Are you married? Are you divorced?

A landlord should not ask about your marital status.

Do you go to church?

A landlord should not ask you about your religious beliefs.

How old are you? Are you still in school?

A landlord should not ask you about your age.

What can I do if a landlord asks me a discriminatory question?

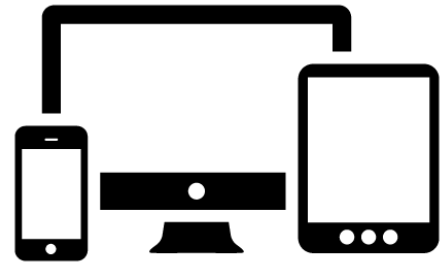
- You can politely tell the landlord that you don't feel comfortable answering the question or that the question was inappropriate.
- You can also give the landlord information that shows that you are a good tenant who can pay rent on time.

Where can I find more information?

The Alberta Human Rights Commission can give you free and confidential information about the *Alberta Human Rights Act* and how it helps protect you when renting.

Complaints need to be filed in English. You can get assistance from a settlement worker or social services provider. If a hearing is scheduled for your complaint, you can ask the Human Rights Commission to use a language other than English or use an interpreter. You should ask for an interpreter before your hearing.

To contact the Alberta Human Rights Commission, go to:



www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca

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