



SPECIAL INSERT: HOW TO RECOGNIZE DISCRIMINATORY BANS IN HOUSING



Discriminatory criminal history related bans in housing can be implemented in many different ways. One of the most egregious examples that the ERC has encountered involves a housing provider website application portal that requires an applicant to disclose whether or not they or any other household applicant has a felony conviction on their record:

Have you are any other applicant or occupant ever been convicted of a felony? i

Yes	▼
No	
Yes	

We are unable to lease to anyone who has been convicted of a felony. Should you have any questions, please contact the leasing office for this community.

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The only choices available to answer the question, which occurs very early on in the application, are “yes” and “no”.

See back of this card for more information about how to recognize discriminatory bans in housing.

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If an applicant chooses “yes”- regardless of what the conviction was for, when it was incurred, how old the individual with the conviction was at the time of the conviction, or what the individual has done to rehabilitate themselves since the conviction, the applicant is unable to proceed with their application and, therefore, unable to submit it.

reslising.securecafe.com says: X

We are unable to reserve an apartment for you at this time due to your answer regarding Felony convictions. Should you have any questions, please contact the leasing office for this community.

OK

Have you are any other applicant or occupant ever been convicted of a felony? i

Yes ▼

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