

You are protected from landlord harassment



by the [LA County Tenant Protections Resolution](#)

What is landlord harassment?

Landlords and their agents (e.g., property managers) can NOT harass, intimidate, or retaliate against the commercial tenant.

Examples include:

- Refusing to do repairs & maintenance
- Threats: words, gestures, physical
- Discriminating against tenant (e.g. race, gender, nationality, etc.)
- Frivolous lawsuits (e.g. no legal basis or reasonable factual basis)

What can happen to a landlord that harasses a tenant?

- **They face fines from the county** of up to \$5,000* per violation per day.
- **Tenant may sue landlord** for up to \$5,000* per violation per day.
- The landlord may also be prosecuted for **crime**.

*possibly higher if the tenant is disabled or 65 years of age or older.

What if my landlord is already suing me?

If the landlord sues the tenant for unlawful detainer (eviction) and/or a lawsuit for rent debt, the protections can be used as an **affirmative defense** (part of the response to the lawsuit).