

Safe Housing Guide for Survivor Tenants and their Advocates

A Focus on Repairs and Immigrant Rights in Housing

Rural tenants who are survivors face housing issues related to their location and not having enough resources or legal aid assistance. Survivor tenants in rural areas of California are also often immigrants, who face further barriers to safe housing. So, FVAP created the *Safe Housing Guide for Survivor Tenants and their Advocates* to help survivors and advocates learn about and use the laws that give tenants the right to safe housing and give protections for immigrants in housing. The housing guide also includes template (fill-in-the-blank) letters that survivors and their advocates can use to explain and demand their housing rights.

Safe Housing and Repairs

- 1. Know Your Rights: Safe Housing for Tenants
- 2. Know Your Rights: Asking Your Landlord to Make Repairs
- 3. Template Letter: General Request for Repair
- 4. Template Letter: Request for Repair: Uninvited Person Damaged My Home

Immigrant Rights in Housing

- 5. Know Your Rights: Housing Rights for Immigrants
- 6. Common VAWA-Covered Housing Programs and Immigration Status
- 7. Template Letter: Demand That a Landlord Stop Asking About Immigration Status
- 8. Template Letter: Withdraw Eviction Notice Given due to Immigration Status