

YOUR RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AS AN AUSTIN TENANT

City law gives renters the right to organize and participate in a tenants association without landlord interference! This law took effect in November 2022 and applies to all renters living in the City of Austin.



These organizing activities are protected



- Talking with neighbors, including going door-to-door
- Distributing flyers and information, including on bulletin boards available for tenant use
- Meeting with neighbors, tenant organizers or others
- Holding tenant meetings at the property
- Inviting tenant organizers to help start or run a tenants association
- Any other activities related to tenant organizing

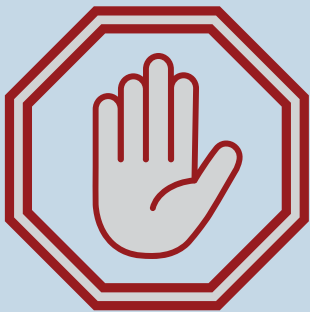
Landlords are prohibited from intentionally interfering in protected organizing activities or allowing others to interfere!

If a tenant invites an organizer to assist, the organizer can:



- Be on property as a guest
- Talk with individuals or groups of tenants
- Help with starting or running a tenants association
- Support tenants association activities that are protected by City law

Examples of landlord interference



- Telling tenants that they will get in trouble for continuing to organize or for working with tenant organizers
- Not allowing tenant groups to use community spaces available to other residents
- Saying that tenants can't pass out flyers due to a no soliciting policy
- Interrupting a meeting they weren't invited to and refusing to leave if asked



No one is required to participate in tenant organizing! If a neighbor does not want to be contacted about tenant association activities, they have a right to not participate.