

# Why Organize?

By organizing and educating the tenant class of Idaho, we are creating a movement of powerful community members. These groups together can advance a shared vision of housing justice locally and across the state.

## Together We Can:

- Empower our communities!
- Build collective power!
- Be a part of communities that meaningfully improve people's lives!
- Show collective action that directly influences decision makers!
- Advance social justice values and systems promoting equity, empowerment, and human rights!
- Establish tenant protections within systemic solutions and beyond!



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# What Are Tenant Associations?

Tenant Associations, sometimes called Resident Associations are formal groups of neighbors that come together to form an organization that acts upon their shared values and visions for the community.

## Residents in Manufactured Housing Have Explicit Rights

In manufactured housing communities, an association gains protection simply by notifying the management of the property that the residents have formally associated and providing three designated members' contact information.

Residents have the right to peacefully assemble and freely associate.

Residents may utilize the facilities of the community to conduct its business and programs including forums or speeches.

All residents have a right to know if there is a homeowners association to further their mutual interest.  
[I.C. 55-2013A]

## Associations Are Protected by Law

A landlord cannot terminate a tenancy, refuse to renew tenancy, increase rent or decrease services normally provided, or threaten to bring an action for possession of a lot in retaliation because the resident has:

- Organized, become a member of or served as an official in a community resident association, or similar organization, at a local, state or national level.
- Complained about a violation of a building, safety or health code.
- Complained to the landlord concerning the maintenance or condition of the community, rent charges or rules.
- Retained counsel or an agent to represent interests.

[I.C. 55-2015]

## Built on Autonomy

By forming an association, individuals are able to create a vision specific to their community and their needs. Associations can create or adopt structures that meet the needs of their members and represent their shared values while being able to work together with other associations when sharing power and efforts is desired.

## Horizontal Solidarity Network

This type of organizing lends itself to building networks of solidarity. By building within one's community while making connections to others who are doing the same in theirs, these groups are able to aid each other and work together on issues that impact them while lending support where other associations may need it when the goals and values of the groups align.

By embracing horizontally based power, and anti-oppressive approaches to organizing, these groups are able to support each other and work together without controlling one another.

