



FACT SHEET

FAIR HOUSING, IT'S YOUR RIGHT!!!!!!

Introduction:

Every American has a right to fair housing. The right to live where they choose, to raise a family, to own a home in dignity and without fear of discrimination is a fundamental right guaranteed to everyone.

1968 Fair Housing Law:

In Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (the Federal Fair Housing Law), Congress declared a national policy of providing fair housing throughout the United States. This law makes discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or handicap illegal in connection with the sale or rental of most housing and any vacant land offered for residential construction or use.

If You Think Your Rights Have Been Violated:

HUD is ready to help with any problem of housing discrimination. If you think your rights have been violated, you may write HUD a letter or telephone the HUD Hotline. You have one year after the alleged violation to file a complaint with HUD, but you should file it as soon as possible.

Where to Write:

Send a letter to: Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
801 North Cherry, 27th Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Houston Field Office
1301 Fannin, Suite 2200
Houston, Texas 77021

Where to Call:

Call: The City of Galveston Grants & Housing Department at (409) 797-3820 or the HUD Hotline number at 1-888-560-8913, the Regional Enforcement Office for Texas in Fort Worth, Texas.

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