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**Newton County**

**Public Service Announcement:**

**Fair Housing, It's the Law!**

To promote fair housing practices, Newton County encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the Texas Workforce Commission at (888) 452-4778 or (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

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# Fair Housing: Know Your Rights

As a Texan, you are protected under the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Texas Fair Housing Act. The Acts protect your right to rent an apartment, buy a home, or obtain a mortgage, free from discrimination based on:

race	familial status
religion	disability
national origin	sex
color	

## How To File A Fair Housing Complaint:

You have one year from the date of the alleged discrimination to file a complaint with the Texas Workforce Commission. Send your complaint to the Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division or call **888-452-4778**.

## Common housing discrimination claims:



A landlord refuses to rent to you because you have a child.



A property manager refuses to assign a parking space near your apartment even though you have a mobility impairment.



A landlord charges a pet deposit for your assistance animal.

## For More Information:

If you believe you have been discriminated against, or you are not sure, you can find out more at:

[www.tdhca.state.tx.us/fair-housing](http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/fair-housing)

Submit a written complaint regarding a TDHCA-monitored property or program at:

[www.tdhca.state.tx.us/complaint](http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/complaint)  
or call 800-525-0657.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 221 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701, [FHEOI@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:FHEOI@tdhca.state.tx.us) Texas Relay 711 (TDD)

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