



SHAPING TEXAS 1920-2020



DID YOU KNOW?

REALTORS® PLEDGE TO UPHOLD FAIR HOUSING

The federal Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. Prohibited actions include refusing to sell or rent housing, setting different terms for housing or a mortgage, discouraging the purchase or rental of a property, and other discriminatory behaviors.



REALTORS® GO BEYOND THE BASICS OF FAIR HOUSING

All real estate agents and brokers must uphold fair housing laws. However, only REALTORS®—those agents and brokers who join the REALTORS® association—pledge to abide by a Code of Ethics. That Code of Ethics includes additional protected classes: “REALTORS® shall not deny equal professional services to any person for reasons of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.” The REALTOR® Code of Ethics also prohibits REALTORS® from discriminatory employment practices against those same classes.

REALTORS® CONTINUE TO CHAMPION FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS

Though Texas REALTORS® recognized the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act in 2018, strides must still be taken to protect housing rights for all. In 2020, the National Association of REALTORS® created an action plan that emphasizes accountability, culture change, and training to ensure that all REALTORS® uphold the law and the Code of Ethics.

FAIR HOUSING IS YOUR RIGHT!

If you suspect your federal fair housing rights have been violated, you can file a complaint at hud.gov. If you believe a REALTOR® has not upheld the standards set out in the Code of Ethics, you can file a complaint at texasrealestate.com.