



# Renting in Texas? Here's what you should know

Owning a home is a basic necessity for everyone, regardless of their background or financial status. In Texas, almost **4 million people are renting their homes**, so it's essential for all renters to be aware of their rights. In this newsletter, we will provide information and resources that renters may find helpful in order to feel secure and empowered in their homes.



## Your basic rights as a tenant

As a tenant in Texas, you have rights in many different areas, including your entitlement to:

- Peace and Quiet
- Health and Safety
- Security Devices
- & much more!

For a more detailed list of your rights, make sure to check out our blog post. 📌

[Read our article on Tenant's Rights](#)



Can I withhold rent when my landlord wont resolve an issue?

When a tenant withholds rent as a form of retaliation, it can lead to eviction and the potential loss of certain rights.

How much can my landlord raise my rent at a time?

In Texas, there is no statewide law that places limits on how much a landlord can increase the rent when a lease is renewed.

What is considered an emergency when it comes to repairs?

Emergency repairs are repairs that impact health and safety, such as: running water/hot water, heating/air conditioning, stove/refrigerator/oven, electricity, bathroom use, missing doors/locks/windows, or pests.

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Looking to move? Watch out for rental listing scams!

Sometimes, property listings can be fraudulent and lead to scams if you're not vigilant. Our partner, [BALANCE](#), provides 10 warning signs to watch for in scam listings.

1. The listing shows up with varying contact information
2. The price is absurdly low
3. They want all of your information immediately
4. Being asked to pay anything before seeing the apartment
5. You're asked to pay rent or a security deposit before signing a lease
6. The payment method is fishy
7. Everything is rushed
8. There's no one to meet with
9. Something major changes
10. The lease has missing information

[Read more about rental scams here!](#)

## Texas Tenant Resources

As a renter in Texas, you have access to a variety of resources when situations arise, such as:

- [Tenants Rights Handbook](#)
- [Anti-displacement Toolkit](#)
- [Basta Austin](#)
- [Texas Tenants Union](#)
- [Housing Crisis Center](#)
- [Texas Low-Income Housing Information Service](#)

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