

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

EVICTIION LAWS FOR TENANTS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that if you:

- Lost income or have extraordinary medical expenses; and
- Earn less than \$99k for an individual; and
- Would be homeless or have to move in with relatives if you were evicted; and
- Gave a signed declaration swearing that these things are true to your landlord (see reverse side).
- **A SHERIFF CANNOT EVICT YOU UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 2021.**

New State Laws and Rental Assistance:

- If you lost income due to COVID-19 you can get free rental assistance.
- Your landlord MUST apply for rental assistance on your behalf.
- You can apply by calling 1-703-962-1884
- If your landlord owns 5+ apartments they have to offer you a repayment plan as long as you sign a statement saying you lost income or had extra expenses because of COVID-19.
- Your landlord cannot sue to evict you for getting behind on rent unless:
 - You refuse to cooperate with their application for rental assistance and refuse to apply on your own; OR
 - You have not received approval for rental assistance within 45 days of applying.

If you lost income because of the COVID-19 emergency you can ask for your court hearing to be put off for 60 days. (YOU STILL HAVE TO GO TO COURT TO ASK FOR THIS).

ALWAYS GO TO YOUR COURT DATE AND CALL LEGAL AID

Legal Aid Justice Center:

(804) 643-1086 (Richmond)

(434) 977-0553 (Charlottesville)

(703) 778-3450 (Falls Church)

(804) 862-2205 (Petersburg)

Virginia Eviction Legal Helpline: 1-833-NO-EVICT

*COVID -19 tenant protections change frequently –
always call legal aid for up to date information.

IMPORTANT:

- These laws ONLY help tenants being evicted for not paying rent.
- These new laws have many requirements before a landlord can evict you. If you've received a pay or quit notice call legal aid immediately.
- Even if you've already lost your court case your eviction may be preventable.