



RENTERS

YOU HAVE NEW RIGHTS!

The new **Statewide Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019** gives important protections for renters in New York State.

BEFORE YOU CAN BE EVICTED

- Your landlord must give you a written 14 day demand for back rent.
- If you pay your full rent before eviction court, the eviction process stops. Bring the receipt showing full payment to your court date to prove rent is paid.
- Your landlord must give you written notice of 30, 60, or 90 days to end your lease or raise your rent 5% or more, depending on how long you've lived there. ★★
- Court eviction papers must be served on you between 10 and 17 days before court.

AT EVICTION COURT

- At your eviction hearing, you may ask the judge for a 14 day adjournment.
- If you complain to your landlord or Codes about problems with your rental, it can be found to be unlawful retaliation if the landlord tries to evict you within one year.
- If the court evicts you, you cannot be forced to leave for at least 14 days.
- If the court evicts you for nonpayment, and you pay the full amount of rent due, you can stay in your home.
- If you are evicted for breaking the rules of your lease, the court must delay eviction for 30 days for you to fix the problem.

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- If you break your lease and move out early, the landlord may be required to search for new tenants before attempting to sue you for the remaining rent on the lease.
- “Blacklisting” tenants for prior evictions or landlord disputes is now illegal. ★
- Landlords may no longer charge an application fee. Background and credit check fees are limited to \$20.00 total.
- Late fees are limited to \$50 or 5% of monthly rent, whichever is lower.
- Your landlord must send you a written notice within 5 days if you failed to pay your rent on time. If the landlord does not do this, it may be a defense in your case.
- Your security deposit may not be more than one month's rent. You are entitled to inspect the apartment with your landlord before you move in and move out. ★
- If your landlord wants to keep any of your security deposit, you must be given a written list of what it is being used for within 14 days of moving out. ★
- Unlawful eviction is now a crime.
- If you live in a manufactured home park, there are different rules. Call us to discuss.

QUESTIONS?

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