

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVID-19 EVICTION PROTECTIONS

Note: The City of Los Angeles has slightly different tenant protections. Contact the Housing Rights Center to learn more.

I can't pay my rent because of the pandemic. What can I do?

- 1 Apply for rent relief.** The California COVID-19 Emergency Rent Relief Program can delay or even prevent an eviction. Find out if you qualify at <https://housing.ca.gov>, and inform your landlord in writing as soon as you apply. You have a defense against eviction while your application is in review or you are waiting to receive funds.
 - 2 Tell your landlord in writing that you can't pay.** Starting April 1, 2022, tenants will be able to delay some rental payments. Download a financial hardship form from www.housingrightscenter.org and serve it to your landlord within 7 days after rent is due. This gives you a defense against eviction for any rent you owe, but if you don't pay it back within one year, your landlord can sue in small claims court.
- * **Note:** Tenants who earn 80% of the area median income or less will be able to delay rental payments from April 1 until December 31, 2022. Tenants who earn more than 80% of the area median income can only delay rent that is due between April 1 and May 31, 2022. In the notice you give your landlord, make a note that you meet this requirement.

What if I'm being evicted for a different reason?

Everywhere in Los Angeles County, tenants are protected from evictions for **reasons that are not their fault**, including most owner move-ins; having **unauthorized occupants or pets**; and **nuisance** (such as noise) until at least December 31, 2022. Tenants are protected for **refusing to allow the landlord to enter** until May 31, 2022.

If you get an eviction notice for any reason, visit www.stayhousedla.org immediately to find legal help. If you are assigned a court date, you must appear or you could lose your case.

Contact the Housing Rights Center for free housing counseling.

Housing Rights Hotline: 1-800-477-5977 • TTY: 1-213-201-0867 • www.housingrightscenter.org



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