

CDC EVICTION MORATORIUM

To protect public health and slow the spread of COVID-19, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an order that protects some residential tenants who have fallen behind on rent from being evicted until 2021.

WHAT DOES THE ORDER STOP?

- Any action to evict a tenant for unpaid rent
 - Filing an eviction lawsuit
 - Giving the tenant an eviction notice
 - Asking the court for a 'writ of eviction'
 - Harassing or intimidating a tenant to vacate

WHO DOES THE ORDER HELP?

- Tenants who do not have high income,
 - Who earn less than \$99,000 (\$198,000 for a couple) in 2020, or
 - Who received a stimulus payment from the government in 2020, or
 - Who made too little in 2019 to have to file a federal tax return
- Have lost income due to COVID-19 or have extraordinary medical expenses,
- Have been unable to pay full rent, and
- Would be homeless or would have to move in with others if evicted

WHAT MUST YOU DO?

- Continue to pay as much rent as you can
- Try to get government assistance to pay rent, if available
- Sign a declaration under penalty of perjury and give a copy to the landlord
 - Here is the C.D.C.'s declaration: <https://bit.ly/CDCdeclaration>
 - Each adult on the lease must complete the declaration
 - Contact a lawyer for advice before signing if you have any questions about the declaration: 1-833-NoEvict or 1-866-LEGLAID
 - Keep a copy of the signed declaration for your records, too

WHAT ARE THE LIMITS?

- Landlords can still evict for non-rent lease violations
- This order does not forgive rent – tenants still owe rent as the lease provides
- There are criminal penalties (for both tenants and landlords) for violating the rules of the order

For free information and legal advice from an attorney about your case, call the Eviction Legal Helpline (833-NoEvict) or your legal aid office (866-LEGLAID).