

EVICTON PREVENTION HELP

This notice includes information about who to contact for information about your legal rights in eviction, and resources for help. If you are facing eviction, do not wait to seek help.

Help When Facing Eviction

The Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati (Rent Payment Assistance; and Free legal assistance for those who qualify) (Language Services Available)

Call: (513) 241-9400, ask for Housing Department; or 1-800-582-2682 (toll free)

St. Vincent DePaul Society (Rent Payment Assistance) (Spanish Available)

Call: 513-421-0602

Community Action Agency (Rent Payment Assistance) (Spanish Available)

Make an appointment: call 513-569-1840, Option 4, 8am to 5pm, Monday– Friday

Help Center, Hamilton County Municipal Court (Free information and limited legal advice)

Make an appointment: call 513-946-5650

Know the Process

In Ohio, a tenant does not have to move until a court orders them to leave the property. If your landlord sues you for eviction, you will receive a court summons and complaint – either by mail, attached to your door, or hand delivered by a Court official. Your eviction court date, time, and location will be on the court summons. For additional information please visit the the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts website at courtclerk.org. **Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many eviction court dates have been rescheduled. Please call the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts at (513) 946-5700 (M-F, 8am-4pm) for the most current scheduling information.**

Know Your Options

In general, a tenant has 3 options to deal with an eviction:

Work it out—Even after an eviction is filed, the landlord and tenant can work out an agreement to stay, for more time to move and/or to dismiss the eviction case. Think about what you can agree to.

Agreements should be in writing with both the tenant and landlord’s signature.

Move—If you completely move out and return the keys before or at court, the eviction part of the case should be dismissed. You still need to show up at court to explain that you moved.

Defend yourself in court—This is usually only about the reason the landlord gave you for filing the eviction and not about other things you think the landlord did wrong. Eviction trials are usually just 1-minute long. You may want to legal help before defending yourself in court.

This notice does not provide legal advice regarding your individual tenancy