

Where to turn if you receive an eviction notice, if a landlord violates the Payment Agreement, or you want to know more about tenant rights in Washington State.

- 1. Eviction help – Get help as soon as possible if you’ve been told you will be evicted or have been served a notice.** You can contact the Statewide Eviction Defense Screening Line at 855-657-8387.
- 2. It is illegal for a landlord to expel a tenant** or make any distinction, discrimination, or restriction in the price, terms, conditions, fees, or privileges relating to the rental, lease, or occupancy of real property based on their source of income. This includes Emergency Rent Assistance.
- 3. If your landlord violates the eviction rent assistance program payment agreement and raises your rent or terminates your tenancy, contact the NW Justice Project CLEAR line by phone at 888-201-1014 or online at nwjustice.org/apply-online**

Your landlord, in accepting rental assistance funds from this program, has agreed to the following:

- a) To accept the funds from this program as full satisfaction of any rent and late fee balance owed for the months paid by the program.
- b) To not impose any new late fees or additional charges for the months of rent covered.
- c) To not increase your rent for at least six months.

d) To not terminate or refuse to renew your tenancy until after six months unless: (a) a household member materially violates the terms of the lease; (b) a household member is creating a significant and immediate risk to the health, safety, or property of others; or (c) at least 60 days' written termination notice is provided to the household based on the Landlords intent to (i) personally occupy the premises as a primary residence, or (ii) sell the property.

If your landlord does not comply with these agreements, please contact legal aid assistance by calling one of the phone numbers listed above.

4. If you have any other questions about your rights as a tenant check out this resource. Information is available in many languages:

<https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/issues/housing/tenants-rights>

5. If you need access to the payment information made to your landlord on your behalf from our agency, let us know and we will provide you the paperwork.