

Can my landlord evict me right now?

State of Connecticut Ban on Evictions

Governor Lamont extended Connecticut's temporary ban on evictions until December 31, 2020. This means that your landlord **cannot start a new eviction** case against you **until January 1, 2021**, with some exceptions.

Exceptions to the state's eviction ban:

Your landlord can start a new eviction case against you if –

1. You owe 6 or more months' worth of rent that was due on or after March 1, 2020;
2. You owe any rent that was due on or before February 29, 2020;
3. You have done something that is a *Serious Nuisance*, such as physically harming another tenant or the landlord, or
4. Your lease has ended *and* your landlord wants to use the apartment as their main residence.

Tenants still need to pay rent. If you cannot pay full rent, you should still pay as much of the rent as possible on time and keep any records of your payments.

Your **landlord is not allowed to lock you out, remove your belongings, or cut off utilities**, even if you owe rent. Only a state marshal with an order from the court may physically remove you from your home.

If your landlord already filed an eviction case against you in court:

- The state's ban does not apply to eviction cases that are already in court.
- **Do not ignore any eviction papers or hearing notices you get from the court** – you should follow the instructions for responding or attending a hearing.
- If you are being evicted and are not covered by the state's eviction ban, you may be protected by the national ban on evictions. See other side for details.

For more information and legal assistance contact:

- [Statewide Legal Services](#) at (800) 453-3320
 - [Connecticut Legal Services](#) at (860) 344-0447
 - [Greater Hartford Legal Aid](#) at (860) 541-5000
 - [New Haven Legal Assistance Association](#) at (203) 946-4811
- [Connecticut Fair Housing Center](#) at (860) 247- 4400 or (888) 247- 4401
- www.ctlawhelp.org/evictions-during-coronavirus-crisis



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National Ban on Evictions

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has placed a nationwide ban on evictions from September 4 to December 31, 2020.

BUT this protection is NOT automatic. It only applies to tenants who cannot pay full rent or other housing payments because they have **lost income or have very expensive medical bills.**

To receive this protection, every adult in your household (18 or older) MUST:

1. **Read [the CDC Declaration](#).** Review all the information and make sure that all of it is true about your situation. If anything is not true, you should not sign the Declaration. You could face criminal charges or fines if you provide inaccurate information.
2. **Sign the Declaration,** if all the information in the Declaration is true.
3. **Give the Declaration to your landlord.** Try to send it by email and/or certified mail, so you have proof you sent it.
4. **Keep a copy of the signed Declaration,** all other communications with your landlord and any proof you have that you meet the requirements below.

Note: If your **landlord already filed an eviction case** against you in court, **you can still use the Declaration,** if you meet the requirements. After you give the Declaration to your landlord, send a copy of the declaration to the Court too.

Eligibility Requirements Checklist

You must meet ALL the requirements below to use the Declaration:

- You cannot pay your full rent or other housing payments because **your household lost income or has very expensive out-of-pocket medical bills;**
- You will likely become homeless or forced to live in someone else's home in crowded conditions if you are evicted;
- Your total income for 2020 will be less than \$99,000 (or \$198,000 for 2 adults), you qualified for a stimulus check, or you did not have to pay income tax in 2019;
- You promise to pay as much of your rent as possible on time; and
- You have made your best effort to apply for government rental and housing assistance **(To learn what rent and housing assistance is available and how to apply, call 211).**

