

SECURITY DEPOSIT  
DISPUTES?

THREATENED WITH  
EVICTION?

LANDLORD  
NOT MAKING  
REPAIRS?

WANT HELP REVIEWING  
YOUR LEASE?

**VERMONT TENANTS CAN HELP**



CALL OUR STATEWIDE HOTLINE  
**(802) 864-0099**  
OR TOLL FREE: **1-800-287-7971**

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# RENTERS, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- **SAFE AND DECENT HOUSING** *FREE OF TOXINS, HAZARDS, AND WITH ADEQUATE HEATING AND HOT WATER SYSTEMS.*
- **48-HOUR NOTICE BEFORE YOUR LANDLORD ENTERS YOUR HOME**, *UNLESS THE LANDLORD IS RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY SUCH AS A FIRE, FLOOD, OR GAS LEAK.*
- **PROPER NOTICE FOR RENT INCREASES** *(60 DAY STATEWIDE, 90 DAYS IN BURLINGTON)*
- **PROPER NOTICE BEFORE YOUR LANDLORD TERMINATES YOUR TENANCY.**
- **CONTEST EVICTIONS** *IN COURT.*
- **GET BACK YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT** *WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER YOU MOVE OUT.*
- **REPORT SUBSTANDARD HOUSING CONDITIONS** *TO THE CITY'S CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR LOCAL OFFICIALS.*
- **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING CHOICE, FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION or HARASSMENT.**

# LANDLORDS CANNOT:

- **REFUSE TO MAKE REPAIRS:** *THE LANDLORD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL REPAIRS, EVEN IF THE TENANT BROKE IT OR IS NOT PAYING RENT. TENANTS CAN BE CHARGED FOR REPAIRS IF THEY CAUSED THE DAMAGE.*
- **RETALIATE AGAINST YOU** *FOR COMPLAINING ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, TALKING TO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY ABOUT HEALTH OR SAFETY CONCERNS OR FOR JOINING A TENANT'S ASSOCIATION.*
- **EVICT YOU:** *BEING FORCED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AGAINST YOUR WILL IS A LEGAL PROCESS THAT TAKES PLACE IN A COURTROOM!*
- **HARRASS YOU OUT OF YOUR HOME,** *INCLUDING BY TURNING OFF THE HEAT, HOT WATER, OR ELECTRICITY, CHANGING THE LOCKS, MOVING YOUR BELONGINGS OUT OF THE UNIT, OR DENYING YOU ACCESS TO YOUR BELONGINGS.*

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