

Renters' Rights

- What the law says a landlord cannot do:
 - Cannot prevent you from taking lawful steps to get a home repaired
 - May not increase rent or decrease services as a result of you asking to have your property repaired
 - Cannot shut off any utilities, change the locks, or threaten any of these, to make you move out of the house
 - Cannot harass you by demanding to enter your home or enter your home at unreasonable times of day
 - Cannot “put you out” or remove any of your property from the home without a signed court order from a judge
 - Cannot keep your belongings to try to force you to pay rent
 - Cannot raise rent once a lease has been signed, unless the lease specifically allows it
- What a landlord must do:
 - Make all repairs needed to make the house livable
 - Keep all electrical, plumbing, heating, and ventilation systems in good working order
 - Supply enough hot water and heat
 - Keep hallways and stairways safe and clean
 - Provide garbage cans and dumpsters
 - Give tenant at least 24 hours notice before entering the home
 - Make sure that building complies with all health codes