

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: CALIFORNIA'S COVID-19 TENANT RELIEF ACT

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## I CAN'T PAY MY RENT NOW. CAN I BE EVICTED?



If you have not been able to pay rent for any time since March 1, 2020, your landlord must give you a 15-day notice. This new notice must give you 15 days to pay rent or to tell the landlord you cannot pay because of COVID-19. Your landlord must give you a form called a "Declaration" with the 15-day notice.

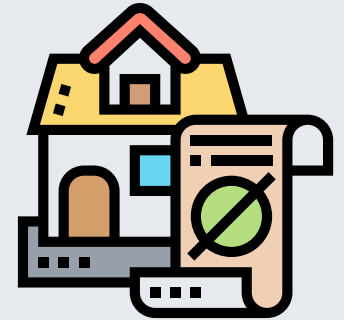
If you cannot pay your rent because of COVID-19, you must sign and give the Declaration to your landlord. You must do this within 15 business days. If you do this, your landlord cannot evict you for not paying the rent right now.

## I COULDN'T PAY MY RENT BETWEEN MARCH 1, 2020 AND AUGUST 31, 2020.

If you haven't been able to pay rent between March and August, your landlord must give you a 15-day notice.

You can never be evicted for rent you couldn't pay between March 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020 if you:

1. Couldn't pay rent for COVID-19 reasons AND
2. Sign and return the form called "Declaration of COVID-19 Related Financial Distress" your landlord has to give you within FIFTEEN DAYS.



## I CAN'T PAY MY RENT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

You can never be evicted for rent you couldn't pay between September 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 if you:

1. Couldn't pay rent for COVID-19 reasons, AND
2. Sign and return the declaration form every time your landlord asks you to within FIFTEEN DAYS, AND
3. Pay at least 25% of your September 2020 - September 2021 total rent by September 30, 2021 OR apply and receive 100% rent help from California. Total rent means your rent and any charges you pay your landlord, such as utilities.



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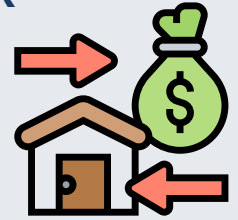
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## WHAT IF I CAN'T PAY 25% OF MY PAST DUE RENT BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND DON'T QUALIFY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE?

You must still sign the declaration form every time your landlord asks you to. Your landlord can't file an eviction case for unpaid rent until October 1, 2021 as long as you sign and return the declaration form within FIFTEEN DAYS.



## DO I STILL OWE MY LANDLORD FOR RENT I COULD NOT PAY BETWEEN MARCH 1, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2021?

You still owe this rent to the landlord. This means your landlord can sue you in court on or after November 1, 2021 for the rent. The court can give your landlord a "judgment" if the court agrees that you owe the rent your landlord is asking you for. But California will pay 100% of your past due rent if you are eligible for help!

## I GOT AN EVICTION NOTICE BUT MY LANDLORD DIDN'T TELL ME WHY THEY'RE EVICTING ME.

The new law says a renter can't be evicted without a reason if the notice expires between March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. This means that any eviction notice or notice to move out must say why the landlord wants you to move out. If you have a notice telling you to move out, you can call us to find out if the reason in the notice is legal right now.



## THERE ARE OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS THAT MAY ALSO PROTECT YOU.

Call us for free legal advice. We can help you find out what laws apply to you.

**CALIFORNIA HAS RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR RENTERS AFFECTED BY COVID-19.**

**APPLY FOR HELP AT [HOUSINGISKEY.COM](https://www.housingiskey.com) OR CALL 833-430-2122 RIGHT AWAY!**