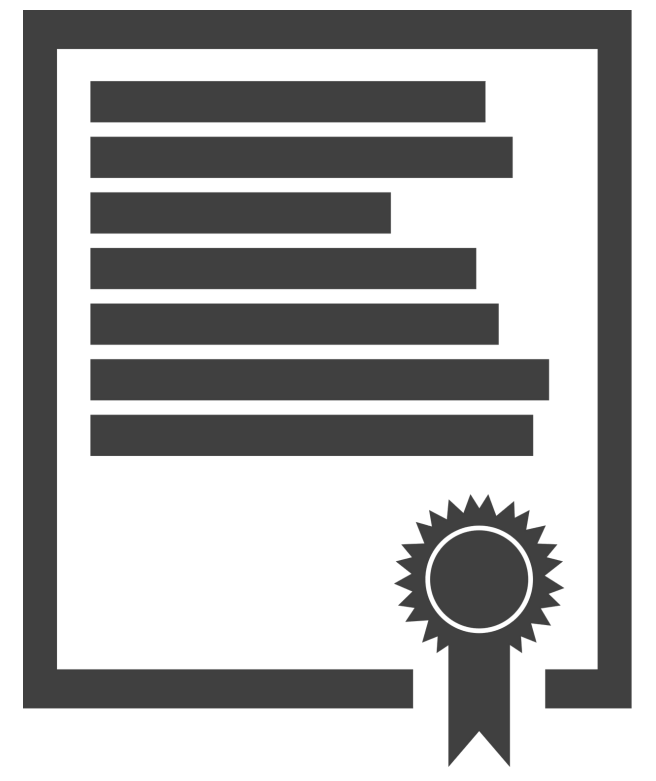


I'm getting evicted.
What can I do?



Your Rights as a Renter

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An eviction requires a court order. A notice or letter from your landlord is **NOT** enough to evict you.

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Speak with your landlord about payment plans or other options available. You may write a letter, *Norent.org* offers a free template of a letter to send to your landlord.

3

If your landlord won't agree to other options, the landlord still **MUST** give you a written notice with a certain amount of time to pay your rent. Most landlords must give you three business days to pay your rent before your landlord can file a lawsuit for eviction. If you are in a mobile home, you will be given five business days.

4

If you are served with an eviction complaint, you have five business days to file a written response with the court. It is always a good idea to talk with an attorney before you answer these legal documents - this can help make sure you don't lose out on any rights because your response was incomplete

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If you cannot reach an attorney, you may complete an "Answer" to your landlord through the Clerk of Courts Office. You must send your Answer to your landlord and file it in the court system.

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If you do not file a response on time, you **COULD BE EVICTED**.

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Your landlord is **NOT ALLOWED** to evict you without a court order. They **CANNOT** force you to move by changing locks, stopping utilities, or other acts that try and remove you from your home.

If you would like a pro-bono attorney, please call Legal Services of North Florida at 850-385-9007 or complete the intake process online at LSNF.org