

Are you a renter
**LIVING IN
UNSAFE OR
UNHEALTHY
HOUSING?**

Georgia's New **Safe at Home Law** Can Help.

If you entered into or renewed your lease on or after July 1, 2024, you now have a right to:

- A home that's fit for people to live in,
- Utilities that work,
- A security deposit that's no more than two months rent, and
- Certain eviction protections.

What does this mean for you?

YOUR RIGHT TO A HABITABLE HOME.

When you enter into a lease, your landlord must provide you with a home that's fit for human habitation and make any repairs needed to keep it that way. That means your landlord must fix broken walls, repair leaks, remove mold and take any other action needed to make your home a safe and decent place to live.

YOUR RIGHT TO UTILITIES.

Your landlord can't "sweat you out." Your landlord must continue to furnish your A/C (as well as your heat, light and water) until the court issues a statement requiring you to vacate, and you are legally evicted from the rental unit by a judge.

YOUR RIGHT TO A FAIR PRICE.

Your landlord cannot require a security deposit that's more than two months of your rent.

YOUR RIGHT TO STAY.

Before you can be evicted, your landlord must provide a written notice to vacate or to pay all past due rent, late fees, utilities, and other charges you owe. The notice must be posted in a sealed envelope on your door in a place you won't miss it. The landlord must then give you at least three business days to pay or vacate before starting the eviction process in court.

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NEED HELP?

Call these legal service providers:

Georgia Legal Services Program

Fulton, Clayton, Cobb, Gwinnett,
or DeKalb: 404-524-5811

Outside the metro area: 1-833-457-7529

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer Foundation

Fulton (404) 521-0790

Atlanta Legal Aid

Fulton: 404-524-5811

Clayton, S. Fulton: 404-669-0233

Cobb: 770-528-2565

DeKalb: 404-377-0701

Gwinnett: 678-376-4545



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