

Can I stay in my home if I can't pay?

In addition to the protection provided by Pennsylvania courts, many renters will be protected until July 25, 2020.

For questions about your specific situation, contact your local legal aid office. Go to palegalaid.net/find-legal-help to find yours.

The federal Corona Virus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) provides additional protection for tenants in federally assisted housing:



- Your landlord cannot give you an eviction notice because you missed payments on rents, fees, or other charges until July 25, 2020.
- Your landlord cannot charge you late fees or other charges related to non-payment of rent until July 25, 2020.
- If your landlord gave you an eviction notice before March 27, 2020, your landlord cannot file with a court to evict you from your home until July 25, 2020.

Even with these protections, you still owe rent. Contact your landlord as soon as possible to try and work out a payment arrangement.

Covered Housing

If you reside in Pennsylvania and your housing does not meet these requirements, protections are still available. Evictions are on hold until May 11, 2020 at the earliest.

Tenant Programs

- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
- Rural Housing Voucher Program

How to find out if you're covered:

- Check your lease and lease addendum.
- Check your annual income certification documents.

Project Based Programs

- Public Housing
- Section 8 project-based housing
- Section 515 Rural Rental Housing
- Section 516/516 Farm Labor Housing
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Housing
- Most other federal housing programs

How to find out if you're covered:

- Check your lease and lease addendum.
- Check your annual income certification documents.
- Check the National Housing Preservation Database at <https://preservationdatabase.org/>.
- For Pennsylvanians, go to <http://www.phfa.org/mhp/>.

Housing with Federally Backed Mortgages

- Fannie Mae
- Freddie Mac
- FHA
- VA
- USDA

How to find out if you're covered:

- Ask your landlord in writing.
- Use the Fannie Mae Loan Lookup or call 1-800-232-6643 and press "4" for homeowner.
- Use the Freddie Mac Loan Lookup Website or call 1-800-373-3343 and press "4" for homeowner.

Regional Housing Legal Services is working to inform Pennsylvanians affected by the Corona Virus. As of April 28, 2020, RHLS understands the following. Each situation is different.