Housing Discrimination & Eviction Protections – COVID-19

The following resources are available to you if you are a tenant or homeowner in Minnesota and are facing hardship due to COVID-19. The State of Minnesota is here to help you maintain stable housing.

Evictions are Currently Suspended in Minnesota

- Know that, effective 5 pm on March 24, 2020, most eviction proceedings in Minnesota are suspended as long as the emergency declaration is in effect. During this time, sheriffs or other officers cannot enforce evictions and remove renters from their homes. For more information and resources, please visit Minnesota Housing and review these Frequently Asked Questions.
  - You are still required to pay rent or your mortgage during COVID-19, but you cannot be evicted or foreclosed for non-payment of rent or a mortgage. Exceptions apply for serious safety or certain unlawful activities.
- Anyone with knowledge of landlords or other individuals attempting to evict a household can report this activity by calling the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office at: (651) 296-3353 (Twin Cities Calling Area) (800) 657-3787 (Outside the Twin Cities) (800) 627-3529 (Minnesota Relay).

Right to Housing Due to COVID-19

- Your landlord cannot evict you, kick you out, or ask you to leave your apartment for having COVID-19.
- Your landlord cannot evict you, kick you out, or ask you to leave your apartment for being under home-quarantine.
- Being under isolation or quarantine in a hospital or other facility does not change your status as a tenant – your apartment remains your primary residence.
- You will still need to pay rent during quarantine or any time in a medical facility, as is the case for any illness.

Discrimination is Prohibited

- Your landlord cannot discriminate against you, kick you out, or ask you to leave your apartment because of fears and stigma around COVID-19, including discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, national origin, disability, or other protected classes.
  - If you are facing discrimination and harassment by your landlord, please call the Minnesota Department of Human Rights at 651-539-1133, 800-657-3704, or email the Department at info.mdhr@state.mn.us, or complete a form at mn.gov/mdhr/intake/consultationinquiryform.
- If you are sick and you need an accommodation for your living conditions, you may also be able to request a reasonable accommodation from your landlord, under laws that prohibit disability discrimination. A reasonable accommodation may be a request to making existing facilities accessible.
  - For more information, please visit the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.