

ARE YOU BEING EVICTED?

COVID-19 Know Your Rights Series

FILE A HARDSHIP DECLARATION NOW

Eviction protection is available until August 31, 2021.

In New York State, tenants who:

- **can't pay rent and/or**
- **would be at high-risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19 if forced to move**

should fill out a **hardship declaration** form and give it to their landlord or court as soon as possible to be protected from eviction until **August 31, 2021**.

You can get a blank hardship declaration at www.nycourts.gov. You can also visit www.evictionfreeny.org to fill out a hardship declaration online.

You can fill out a hardship declaration even if you do not have a lease.

You can fill out a hardship declaration even if you are receiving public assistance like unemployment insurance or paid family leave.

You can also give a hardship declaration to a sheriff or other law enforcement officer who is at your home with an eviction warrant, even while you are being evicted.

NOTE:

It is against the law to make a statement on the hardship declaration that you know is false.

The hardship declaration won't prevent an eviction if the court decides that a tenant has been a nuisance to other tenants.

You should still go to court if a meeting or court appearance is scheduled.

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TALK TO AN ATTORNEY

Contact your local LawNY office for help.

Visit www.lawny.org or call your local office:

Bath (607) 776-4126; Toll Free (877) 776-4126

Elmira (607) 734-1647

Geneva (315) 781-1465; Toll Free: (866) 781-5235

Ithaca (607) 273-3667; Toll Free: (800) 724-4170

Jamestown (716) 664-4535; Toll Free: (866) 664-4567

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