

ARE YOU BEING ILLEGALLY EVICTED?

COVID-19 Know Your Rights Series

It is illegal for a landlord to evict a tenant without a court order in New York State.

1) LANDLORD LOCKED ME OUT OF MY APARTMENT

This is an illegal eviction.

Call 9-1-1 and show the law enforcement officer your ID, lease agreement, utility bill, or other document with your name and address. Your landlord can be arrested or sued for illegally locking you out of your apartment.

If you are unable to get back into your apartment, call the Coronavirus Hotline at 1-833-503-0447 to find your closest emergency court for help.

2) LANDLORD TURNED OFF MY UTILITIES

This is an illegal eviction.

Call 9-1-1 and show the officer ID, lease agreement, utility bill, or other document with your name and address. Your landlord can be arrested or sued for turning off your utilities.



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3) MY APARTMENT HAS BAD CONDITIONS

This is against the law.

You have the right to a livable and safe home even if you have not paid rent. Your landlord must make sure that essential services like heat, hot water, and electricity are working. Call your local code enforcement office to complain about a loss of essential services or bad conditions.

If the needed repair is an essential service, call the Coronavirus Hotline at 1-833-503-0447 to learn more about filing a case against your landlord in court to fix the bad conditions.

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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