

COVID-19 & HOUSING

FINANCIAL SUPPORT + RESOURCES

WHAT TO DO IF YOU CAN'T PAY RENT

California's new COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 that was signed on August 31, 2020 states that residential tenants who are unable to pay rent during the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be evicted for rents due between March 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021 if certain requirements are met.



VALID IMPACTS OF COVID-19

- VALID IMPACTS include you being unable to work due to:
- you/family member have COVID-19
 - taking care of a child out of school
 - experiencing reduced income

HOW TO AVOID EVICTION

You must sign and return a pre-written declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress to your landlord every month that you are unable to pay due to the effects of COVID-19 within 15 days after receiving an eviction notice. You must pay 25 percent of rents that became due between September 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021 by January 31, 2021.

The declaration form can be found here:
<https://dcba.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/LA-County-DCBA-Self-Certification-Notice-to-Landlord-5.13.20-2.pdf>



MORE INFO + SERVICES



- If you receive an eviction notice, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles provides free legal services to over 100,000 people across Los Angeles. Visit lafla.org or call (310) 899-6200 for more information.
- Bet Tzedek is a nonprofit legal service provider that provides free legal services and does not consider immigration status. Visit <https://www.bettzedek.org/our-services/rapid-response/> or call (323) 939-0506 for more information.
- For more available legal resource information, visit <https://www.stayhousedla.org/> or <http://lawhelpca.org/>.