



WHAT IS THE FEDERAL EVICTION BAN?



A temporary law that makes it illegal for landlords across the country to evict tenants for not paying rent.



WHO IS IT FOR?

Tenants who make less than \$99,000/year (or couples making less than \$198,000/year)

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?



From September 4th to December 31st, 2020

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each adult tenant on the lease needs to write a letter or fill out a form like [this one](#) and give it to their landlord, showing that they:

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- ▶ Can't afford to pay because they've lost work or pay, or have high medical expenses
 - ▶ Will become homeless or have to move into overcrowded housing if they are evicted
 - ▶ Have tried to get government support for rent or housing
 - ▶ Will still pay as much of the rent as they can on time

WHAT IT DOES NOT DO:

The ban does **NOT** change how much rent you owe. You still owe your landlord the full amount of rent you normally pay, unless you reach a different agreement with them.

The ban does **NOT** prevent your landlord from charging you fees for late payment.

The ban does **NOT** stop your landlord from evicting you for other reasons. You still have to follow all the other rules of your lease and the place where you live.

The ban does **NOT** override stricter local or state laws. If the place where you live has laws providing stronger tenant support, those rules still apply. You can find a list by state [here](#).



HOW TO GET HELP:

If you need help filling out the form, or you think your rights have been violated, talk to a local tenant support organization, or a free legal services group in your community.



Landlords who try to evict tenants anyway can be fined \$100,000 to \$500,000 or sentenced to one year in jail.



housingcourtanswers.org
Hotline: (212)962-4795



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