



WE HAVE GONE 228 DAYS WITHOUT A HOUSING VIOLATION

AS A TENANT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO



SAFE, HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING

EVERY TENANT DESERVES A SAFE, HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE, TRULY AFFORDABLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED LIVING SPACE. REPORT SAFETY HAZARDS, NEGLECT, OR VIOLATIONS IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR BUILDING MANAGEMENT OR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. YOUR REPORTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND PROTECTED BY LAW AGAINST ANY FORM OF RETALIATION. HELP US MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS THAT KEEP US ALL SAFE.



PROTECTION AGAINST SUDDEN & PREDATORY RENT HIKES

EVERY TENANT HAS THE RIGHT TO STABLE AND PREDICTABLE HOUSING COSTS. IF YOU EXPERIENCE AN UNEXPECTED OR UNJUSTIFIED INCREASE IN RENT, THIS MAY CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF YOUR RIGHTS. LANDLORDS MUST PROVIDE AMPLE NOTICE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR RENT INCREASES, ENSURING THEY COMPLY WITH LOCAL HOUSING REGULATIONS.



PRIVACY & SELF-DETERMINATION

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN YOUR HOME IN PEACE WITHOUT UNWARRANTED INTRUSION. LANDLORDS MUST PROVIDE PROPER NOTICE BEFORE ENTERING YOUR LIVING SPACE, RESPECTING YOUR PRIVACY AND PERSONAL AUTONOMY. REFUSING ENTRY WITHOUT APPROPRIATE NOTICE IS WITHIN YOUR RIGHTS.



FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION & RETALIATION

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR OF DISCRIMINATION OR RETALIATION. THIS INCLUDES PROTECTION AGAINST UNFAIR TREATMENT BASED ON RACE, GENDER, DISABILITY OR FAMILIAL STATUS, AND THE RIGHT TO REPORT VIOLATIONS OR PARTICIPATE IN TENANT UNIONS WITHOUT ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES.



PROTECTION AGAINST ARBITRARY EVICTIONS & LEASE DENIALS WITHOUT 'GOOD CAUSE'

TENANTS ARE ENTITLED TO CONTINUED RESIDENCY UNLESS A CLEAR AND LAWFUL REASON IS PROVIDED FOR EVICTION OR NON-RENEWAL OF LEASE. ARBITRARY EVICTIONS OR DENIAL OF LEASE WITHOUT JUST CAUSE ARE VIOLATIONS OF YOUR RIGHTS, PROVIDING GROUNDS FOR LEGAL RECOURSE.



PROVISION OF PUBLIC COUNSEL IN EVICTION COURT

SHOULD YOU FACE EVICTION, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION IN COURT. PUBLIC COUNSEL WILL BE PROVIDED TO ENSURE YOUR CASE IS FAIRLY HEARD AND YOUR RIGHTS ARE VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED.



TO ORGANIZE

TENANTS ARE ENTITLED TO ESTABLISH AND PARTICIPATE IN TENANT UNIONS OR RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, AS WELL AS TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR TENANCY. ATTEMPTS BY LANDLORDS OR PROPERTY MANAGERS TO SUPPRESS OR RETALIATE AGAINST THESE ORGANIZING EFFORTS CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF TENANTS' RIGHTS.



ACCESS TO COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED EMERGENCY FUNDS

MANY FAMILIES ARE ONE EMERGENCY AWAY FROM EVICTION OR HOMELESSNESS. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS EMERGENCY, COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED FUNDS DURING FINANCIAL DISTRESS. THESE FUNDS, APPROVED BY COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKERS, ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM RELIEF AND PREVENT DISPLACEMENT, ENSURING YOU REMAIN IN YOUR HOME.



RETURN TO YOUR ORIGINAL HOUSING UNIT IF DISPLACED

SHOULD YOUR LANDLORD OR PROPERTY MANAGER DISPLACE / RELOCATE RESIDENTS IN ORDER TO REVITALIZE YOUR HOUSING UNIT OR MAKE MAJOR REPAIRS, THEY MUST SUPPORT THE SUCCESSFUL RELOCATION OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT CHOOSE TO RETURN.

IF YOU ANSWER **YES** TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, YOU MAY HAVE GROUNDS TO REPORT YOUR LANDLORD FOR VIOLATING ***YOUR RIGHTS***

- Did your landlord fail to disclose past issues in your rental unit before you signed your lease?
- If you requested proof of all past utility costs, were you denied access from your landlord?
- Does your housing unit fail to meet applicable health and environmental standards?
- Does your home lack affordable heat and air conditioning?
- If forced to move from your unit because it was uninhabitable, were you denied relocation assistance?
- Have you ever reported a maintenance or repair issue that your landlord has neglected to remediate?

- Has your landlord ever raised your rent without explanation or ample notice?

- Has your landlord ever entered your unit without giving proper notice?
- Has your landlord ever been disrespectful, dishonest, or delayed in communication with you?

- Have you experienced retaliation for complaining about violations of the housing code?
- Have you experienced discrimination because of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, familial status, marital status, being a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking?
- Has your landlord ever increased charges, reduced services, passed any rental permit fees from the owner to the tenant, evicted or threatened to evict you, or otherwise harassed you?

- Have you ever been evicted or threatened with eviction when you were not at fault (e.g. violated a material clause of your lease)?
- Have you ever been denied a lease renewal when you were not at fault (e.g. violated a material clause of your lease)?

- Have you ever been denied counsel after facing an eviction?

- Have you ever experienced an emergency that affected your ability to cover your housing costs?

Call 1-800-STA-HOME TO talk to make an emergency request for community-controlled funds..

- Have you ever been displaced from your home and denied access to return?

TO FILE A LOCAL COMPLAINT VISIT:
MAKEITRIGHTPINELLAS.GOV

YOUR COMPLAINTS WILL BE SENT TO YOUR PINELLAS COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT