

# Can't afford to pay rent?



**If you lost your job or income because of COVID-19 you may not have enough money to pay your rent.**

The first thing you should do is contact your landlord and tell them you can not pay your rent because of COVID-19. Ask them what options are available.



Usually when you do not pay rent, you can be evicted, which means your landlord tells you to leave because you are not following the law of your rental agreement.



But Nova Scotia has banned evictions for people who cannot afford to pay their rent due to COVID-19 from March 19 to June 19, 2020

**This does not mean that everyone can skip paying their rent.**



This new rule only applies to:

- People who lost their job or income because of COVID-19 (such as being laid-off)
- People who are sick with COVID-19 and are unable to work

**If you are still working, or if you lost your job for other reasons, you may still be required to pay your rent on time.**

# Is your landlord evicting you?



## Contact Nova Scotia Legal Aid or Dalhousie Legal Aid

How to contact them:

- Nova Scotia Legal Aid hosts an online chat on its website [www.nslegalaid.ca](http://www.nslegalaid.ca) every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Dalhousie Legal Aid [www.dal.ca/faculty/law/dlas.html](http://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/dlas.html)



**Discuss your situation and they will give you free legal advice for what to do next**

# Has your landlord locked you out, cut off utilities, or thrown out your things?



**Call the the Halifax police non-emergency line: 902-490-5020**

**Explain what happened and the police will tell you what to do next.**

# Other things you can and should do if you're being evicted:



Contact your local politicians – your Municipal Councillor, Provincial MLA, and Federal Member of Parliament, and explain your situation. They may have some advice for you, and they should hear from you:

You can find your city councillor and their contact information on the city's website here:

- [www.halifax.ca/city-hall/districts-councillors/district-look](http://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/districts-councillors/district-look)

You can find your provincial MLA and their contact information here:

- [enstools.electionsnovascotia.ca/edinfo2012/](http://enstools.electionsnovascotia.ca/edinfo2012/)

You can find your federal Member of Parliament and their contact information here:

- [ourcommons.ca/members/en](http://ourcommons.ca/members/en)



## Understand your rights as a tenant

Residential Tenancies Renting Guide

- [beta.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/1-1764/residential-tenancies-guides-renting-en.pdf](http://beta.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/1-1764/residential-tenancies-guides-renting-en.pdf)

Nova Scotia Residential Tenancy Law Resources and Information

- [www.nslegalaid.ca/legal-information/residential-tenancy/](http://www.nslegalaid.ca/legal-information/residential-tenancy/)

Tenants' Rights Guide

- [cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/law/DLAS/TenantRightsGuides/Tenant%20Rights%20Guide%202019.pdf](http://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/law/DLAS/TenantRightsGuides/Tenant%20Rights%20Guide%202019.pdf)

