



CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL "CDC" EVICTION DECLARATION CAN PROTECT YOU UNTIL JULY 31, 2021

WHAT IS THE EVICTION DECLARATION?

The eviction declaration is a statement made by someone who rents their home. It applies to rentals of single-family homes, mobile homes, or apartments. It helps people who rent their home avoid eviction for non-payment of rent. The declaration help people avoid eviction through July 31, 2021.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you:

- Cannot pay the rent because of loss of income or high medical expenses.
- Either expect to make less in 2020 than \$99,000 individually or \$198,000 as a family, or received a stimulus check or did not have to file a 2019 tax return
- Apply, or have applied, for any available government assistance for rent or housing.
- Try to pay some amount of rent, if possible, considering your circumstances.
- If evicted you would likely be homeless, have to live in a shelter, or live in close quarters with other people.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE DECLARATION?

Read it carefully. If the statements are true for you, sign it. Give it to your landlord. If you can email it to your landlord, do that. You can also give it to your landlord in person. Try to record the in person delivery, so you can prove that you did that. If you mail it, try to mail it certified mail so you can prove that you mailed it. You may have to show a Judge that you gave it to your landlord. Be prepared to provide a copy of the declaration to a Constable or Judge.

WHO SHOULD SIGN THE DECLARATION?

A declaration should be signed by each adult on the lease. Only sign the declaration if the statements are true. There are criminal penalties if you sign a false statement.

DOES THIS COVER EVERY EVICTION?

Evictions for nonpayment of rent are covered. A tenant may still be evicted for criminal activity or a separate violation of the lease.

Lone Star Legal Aid represents tenants in evictions. You can apply for free legal help online at WWW.LONESTARLEGAL.ORG or by calling 1-800-733-8394.



Eviction Protection Declaration

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an order that may protect you from being evicted or removed from where you are living. **This means that you may be able to stay at the place where you live through JUNE 30, 2021, if you qualify.**

How to use this form

1. See if you qualify for eviction protection under the CDC order. If you'd like help from an expert, contact (800) 569-4287 or go to <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-counseling/rental-eviction/> to get contact information for a local HUD-approved housing counselor.
2. Sign the declaration that you qualify, on the next page.
3. Give the signed declaration page to the individual or company you rent from (for example, building management, landlord, etc.). Keep a picture or copy for your records and call your expert back if there's a problem.

1. Do I qualify?

If you can check at least one box in each column, you qualify.

Column A

I received a stimulus check (Economic Impact Payment) in 2020 or 2021

I was not required to report any income to the IRS in 2020

In 2020 or 2021, I earned (or expect to earn) **less than** \$99,000 as an individual or **less than** \$198,000 as a joint filer

You are likely to have earned under **this amount if you receive any** of the following benefits:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

AND

Column B

I cannot pay my full rent or make a full housing payment because:

My household income has gone down substantially

I have been laid off from work

My work hours or wages have been cut

I have extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses¹

None of the above — You do not qualify.

None of the above — You do not qualify.

You checked at least one item in each column? Your income level qualifies.

[Check the first box on the next page]

¹Defined as 7.5% or more of my adjusted gross income for the year

2. My Declaration that I qualify

By checking the boxes below, I declare that each statement is true.

My income level qualifies for the reasons explained above

I have done my best to make timely partial payments that are as close as possible to the full payment and to get government assistance in making my rent or housing payments.²

If I were evicted, I have no other available housing options, so I would:

- Probably become homeless, **or**
- Have to move to a homeless shelter, **or**
- Have to move in with others who live in close quarters.

I understand that after I sign:

- Unless I come to an agreement with my landlord, I am still responsible for rent, back rent, and any fees, penalties or interest under my lease.
- I must still follow the conditions of my lease.
- Unless I come to an agreement with my landlord, if I fail to make my required payments, I could be evicted when this temporary halt of evictions ends.
- I can still be evicted for reasons other than not paying rent or not making a housing payment.

Troubleshooting tools for tenants

Find emergency rental financial assistance

Call (800) 569-4287 to find a listing for local HUD-approved housing counselors

Report problems with debt collection

Submit a complaint to CFPB cfpb.gov/complaint

Report discrimination

Submit a complaint.
Call HUD at (800) 669-9777

I sign this declaration³ under penalty of perjury. That means I promise that the statements above are the truth and that I understand that I can be criminally punished for lying.

You sign here:

X _____

Date: _____

3. Give this signed page to the individual or company you rent from.

ATTN LANDLORDS: Thank you for your compliance. If you violate the CDC's eviction Order, you and/or your business may be subject to criminal penalties, including fines and a term of imprisonment.

²Calling a local expert is the best way to figure out all the help that is available to you. Find a listing for a local HUD-approved housing counselor by calling (800) 569-4287.

³If you have already signed an eviction moratorium declaration, you do not need to submit another one.