

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my landlord evict me during the pandemic?

Landlords are permitted to evict people now and some of the protections put in place earlier in the pandemic are no longer in effect.

My landlord wants to evict me. What can I expect?

Before your landlord can evict you, they have to go to court and get a judge's approval. Before a court case can be started, your landlord has to give you written notice.

My landlord is trying to evict me because of my race but I also owe rent. What can I do?

A landlord cannot evict you because of your race, but they can evict you because you owe rent. If you owe rent, you can apply for rental assistance at <https://applyhousinghelp.mass.gov/> for help with the money you owe.

What if I have already moved out but my landlord evicted me because of my race?

You may still have the right to bring a discrimination complaint against your landlord. Contact us to talk about your rights.



Office of Human Rights & Accessibility
Room 101 City Hall, 455 Main Street
Tel: (508) 799-8486
Email: humanrights@worcesterma.gov

We can only combat housing discrimination by working together!
Talk to a lawyer to learn about your rights. It's free.

Community Legal Aid
<https://communitylegal.org>
508-752-3718/855-CLA-LEGAL
TTY: 508-755-3260

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Race Discrimination: Know Your Rights

**NO ONE SHOULD FACE EVICTION
BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE!**



What is Race Discrimination?

If you believe a housing provider is discriminating against you because of your race, contact us so that we can talk to you about your rights. Discrimination can come in many forms but it can include:

- A landlord refusing to rent to you
- A landlord lying about whether an apartment is available
- A landlord trying to evict you
- A landlord treating you differently from other tenants
- A landlord harassing you
- A landlord steering you away from certain apartments
... because of who you are

What is the law?

Evicting someone because of their race, color, or national origin is illegal housing discrimination.

Despite this, communities of color unfairly face eviction at much higher rates than white communities.

Why should I report race discrimination?

In Massachusetts, there are laws in place to protect you and your family.

We cannot talk about housing justice without talking about racial justice. Speak up. Know your rights.