Eviction Moratorium and Rental Assistance Programs
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Your landlord cannot evict you from your house, apartment, or mobile home lot before January 31, 2021 for failure to pay rent if you can answer “yes” to one of the questions in each column below:

**INCOME:** One of the following applies to you:

- Will you have income less than $99,000 for 2020 (or $198,000 for a married couple)?
- Did you earn so little 2019 that you did not have to file taxes?
- Did you receive a federal Economic Stimulus Check in 2020?

**FINANCIAL SITUATION:** One of the following applies to you:

- Has your family lost substantial income?
- Have you lost hours of work or wages?
- Have you been laid off?
- Have you had extraordinary medical expenses that are not covered by insurance?

**PROBLEMS PAYING THE RENT. Due to one of the previous situations, you...**

- Cannot pay your full rent? or...
- Cannot pay your full home payment?

**EFFORTS TO PAY THE RENT**

- Have you made your best efforts to make partial payments that are as close as possible to the full rent as your personal circumstances allow?

**GOVERNMENT HELP**

- Have you made your best efforts to find government assistance to pay the rent?

**POSSIBLE EVICTION.** If you were evicted, one of the following would be true for you:

- You would be homeless?
- You would need to move into a homeless shelter?
- You would need to move into a residence shared with other people that live in close quarters?
What do I need to do to stop my landlord from evicting me?

• Each adult tenant (18 years or older) that lives with you must **Sign this declaration if you meet its requirements.**
  - **The declaration is a sworn statement, and there are criminal penalties for signing the declaration if it is not true!**
• Give the signed declaration to the landlord
• Keep copies of the signed declaration.
• Follow the rental agreement.
• **If you have a court hearing,** go to court and bring your signed declaration to show the judge that the eviction should be stopped.
• **If you already had a court eviction hearing and the judge ordered you to be evicted:**
  • You have a right to appeal. You have 10 days after the hearing to appeal.
  • If the 10 days to appeal have passed, you may still be able to stop the eviction.

Getting Help to Pay the Rent

• **New rental relief funds are coming from the federal government! TO GET ASSISTANCE, CALL THE STATEWIDE RESOURCE LINE: 211**
  • **Several large counties are also offering their own rental relief programs (Wake, Mecklenburg, Orange, Durham and more)**
• **If you are an immigrant:**
  • Immigrants with or without status can receive assistance from rental relief programs
  • Accepting help from a rental relief program will **NOT** affect your application for a green card! The current programs offering government help to pay your rent are NOT considered negatively in an immigration application. Please apply if you need the assistance.

GET LEGAL HELP:

• Legal Aid of North Carolina: 1-866-219-5262
• NC Lawyer’s Referral Service: 1-800-662-7660
• North Carolina Justice Center (serving immigrants with or without status): 919-856-2162

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