| What are my next steps?  Print, Copy, Deliver  You have **{{ nice\_number(num\_downloads) }}** forms combined into a packet. Print 3 copies of the packet, which includes all your forms.  A copy of the packet must be delivered to:   1. The clerk in the {{ court.name }}. 2. {% if landlord.has\_attorney %}Your landlord's attorney, {{ landlord.attorneys\_name }}{% else %}Your landlord, {{ landlord.name }}{% endif %}. 3. Keep one copy for your own records.   aPPEAR IN cOURT  You need to go to court on:  {{court\_date}} **{% if not court\_is\_housing\_court and transfer\_to\_housing\_court %}**  Because your case is being transferred to {{ transfer\_court\_name }}, your court date may be postponed. Talk to the clerk to be sure, but you will likely get a notice in the mail with the new date.{% endif %}{% if court\_date\_is\_holiday %} {{court\_date}} is {{ma\_holidays.get(court\_date)}}, which is a holiday. You should ask the court what they do about cases scheduled on this holiday.{% endif %}  Arrive by 9:00 AM.  Look out for the Lawyer for the Day table if your court has one. Be prepared by knowing what you want and with any documents that support your case. | What to Do Before Your Court Date  Note: Legally, **you may still owe rent** while you wait for your first court date or trial.  How do I prepare for court?  Checklist of what to bring:   * **Pictures** of serious defects or code violations in your apartment. * **Documents** to prove your case. Bring the originals if you can and keep copies for yourself. * **Copies of any Board of Health inspection reports.** Reports must state that they are signed "under the penalties of perjury" by the person who inspected the premises. * **List of the questions** you want to ask your landlord. * **If you have** **any witnesses**, notify them of the time and place they should be in court. If you asked for a jury trial, the trial date may be later than {{court\_date}}. * **Prepare a brief statement** that summarizes for the court how the landlord violated the law and why you should not be evicted. Use your Answer form to help you. * **Consider asking the court to order that your landlord make repairs** even before your trial is scheduled if those conditions are very difficult for you to live with.   What if my Landlord does not Respond to my Discovery Request?  We gave you a special form **(Compel Discovery)** attached to the Discovery form that you can use to ask a judge to postpone the court hearing until the landlord fulfills your Discovery request. If you asked us to, we will send you a reminder to fill this form out online later.  Finish filling out this form **no later than {{ date\_motion\_to\_compel\_due }}.** A copy will need to go to both your landlord and to the court. |
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