| 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, {{ landlords\_attorney }}{% else %}Your landlord, {{ landlord }}{% 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.  *Guided interview update date is {{ format\_date(all\_variables(special='metadata')['revision\_date']) }} and these forms were generated {{ today() }}.* | What to Do Before Your Court Date   * Read the Answer form and make sure you understand your claims and defenses. * **You may still need to pay rent** while you wait for your court date. * {%p if eviction\_reason == "nonpayment" %} * Contact your local Housing Consumer Education Center or other charities for help paying rent. You may qualify for the RAFT program. <http://www.masshousinginfo.org/>. * {%p endif %}   What do I Bring to Court?   * **Documents** to prove your case. * **List of the questions** you want to ask your landlord. * **If you have** **any witnesses**, tell them when to appear in court. If you asked for a jury trial, this may be later than {{ court\_date }}. * **Write what you want to say in your own words** about how your landlord violated the law and why you should not be evicted. * **{%p if plead\_counterclaims %}** * **Pictures** of any bad housing conditions. * **Certified copies of any Board of Health inspection reports****.** * **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. * **{%p endif %}**   What if my Landlord does not Respond to my Discovery Request?  Use the **Motion to Compel Discovery form** to ask a judge to postpone the court hearing until the landlord fulfills your Discovery request (they are supposed to get it to you by {{date\_discovery\_due}}.{% if remind\_user %} If you asked us to, we will send you a reminder to fill this form out online later.{% else %} If you didn't print it, you can download a new copy from <https://gbls.org/tactics/compel>.{% endif %}  Deliver 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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