# Guide Me: Steps to take when…

## You made an agreement with your landlord not to evict you, then they filed a motion that says you "violated" your agreement

### Show up for the Motion Hearing

Do not ignore the motion! – Even if you did not follow the agreement you need to go to court.

At the hearing, the judge will give you a chance to explain what happened.

You may be able to get the judge to overlook the violation if:

* it is a minor violation, or
* you can show that you can follow the agreement going forward.

Sometimes landlords will agree to re-negotiate the agreement if you have a reasonable explanation or plan to follow the agreement in future.

### File a Motion to Amend Agreement

If you have time, file **your own** Motion to Amend the Agreement.

If you are having trouble keeping your agreement, you can ask the landlord to to change the agreement.

File a Motion to Amend Agreement to get your landlord back to court so you can re-negotiate.

### Yoiu may be eligible to stop an eviction where your landlord is asking for back rent

You might be protected by the federal CDC Moratorium if you:

* cannot pay your full rent because you have lost income or have high medical expenses,
* are making best efforts to pay the rent including applying for financial help, and
* are likely to become homeless or doubled up if evicted.

Learn more about the moratorium, and how to send your landlord a declaration that you are protected by the federal CDC moratorium on evictions.

See  
[MassLegalHelp.org/covid-19/housing](https://masslegalhelp.org/covid-19/housing) and  
[MassLegalHelp.org/cdc-declaration.pdf](https://masslegalhelp.org/cdc-declaration.pdf)

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