

Know your rights as a RENTER

Stay informed about **your rights** and the **available resources** to take preventative measures in the case that your landlord tries to evict you.

You are not legally obligated to move out when you receive a notice. Your landlord cannot remove you or your property until the eviction process is completed.

What Is the Eviction Process?

You always have the right to fight an eviction in court. If you go to court, you may win your case, but if you do not go to court you will definitely lose your case and have to move out.

STEP 1

Notice to Vacate

Your landlord will deliver a written notice asking you to move out of the property.

If you have received a **Notice to Vacate** call Austin Tenants Council at (512) 474-196. Someone can help you verify if the notice is LEGAL.

STEP 2

Eviction Citation

Your landlord will file an eviction suit with the Justice of the Peace (JP) in your precinct.

STEP 4

Going to Court

On your court date you will present your case to the Justice of the Peace who will make a final decision and sign a judgment that states whether your landlord can make you move out or not.

Following this decision you may choose to move out or file an appeal of the decision.

It is strongly advised that you consult an attorney for filing appeals or dealing with a re-trial.

STEP 3

Visit from a County Constable

After your landlord files the eviction suit, a constable will attempt to hand-deliver the citation to you at your home.

The citation will include a date and time for you and your landlord to go to court and appear before a Justice of the Peace.

For more Information please visit www.housing-rights.org