

RENT INCREASES

California has statewide and local rent cap for *some* housing types. Here's what you need to know:

Can my rent be increased?

- **Yes, in some cases, BUT FIRST...**
- **Make sure you received a written notice AND...**
 - You were given the correct amount of days notice
 - 30 day notice if 10% increase or less
 - 90 day notice if over 10% increase
 - You are NOT within a current lease (i.e. 1 year); look to see if the expiration date on your lease has passed!
 - Your unit was built more than 15 years ago and you live in a specific unit type at bit.ly/rent-cap-gs
 - You are NOT being retaliated against after advocating for yourself at bit.ly/ttrentincreasesresources
 - *If your rent increase does NOT meet all these, fill out the letter for invalid notices at bit.ly/invalid-increase*
- **Check if your county is in a state of emergency at bit.ly/ca-emergency** (all are until Sept. 4th, some longer)
 - If your county IS in state of emergency, **rents CANNOT be increased more than 10% per year!**
 - If your county is NOT in a state of emergency, see “What happens after the state of emergency ends?”
- **Check if your city has local rent control** by searching for your city at bit.ly/ttlocalrentcontrol
 - If your city DOES have it, your landlord is limited to that amount of rent increase!

RENT INCREASES DURING COVID-19

I can't pay my higher rent! What should I do?

- DO NOT leave your home! You have rights!
- If you can't pay it due to COVID-19, apply for rental assistance at bit.ly/ca-pay-rent. You can receive up to 100% of the rent owed until December 2021, *even without your landlord*.
 - **Questions?** Call 833-430-2122 or go to bit.ly/local-tenant-help to find local organizations.
- Fill out a letter at bit.ly/ttsampleletters to contest the rent increase and turn it in to your landlord as soon as possible!
- Ask for **written documentation** of EVERYTHING that is discussed verbally with your landlord! Save copies!

What happens after the state of emergency ends?

- Either way, you must be notified about an increase BEFORE and in WRITING! Retaliation is ALWAYS prohibited!
- Rent protections will depend on your housing and how long you have been living there, ask yourself these questions to find out if you qualify for the **statewide rent cap** at bit.ly/rent-cap-qs

How do I find out what 10% (or any %) of my rent is?

- To calculate how much your rent can be increased during a state of emergency (10%) regardless of if you qualify for the statewide rent cap...
 - *For example, if your rent is \$1,200, multiply 1,200 times .10, which is 120. Add 120 to 1,200, which is 1,320, so your rent cannot be increased to more than \$1,320 per month.*
- If you DO qualify for the **statewide rent cap**, check how much your rent can be increased at bit.ly/rent-increase-calculator

Get organized!

- Tenants Together is aware that these protections are NOT enough! Talk to your neighbors about their protections!
- **You are not alone. We're stronger together!** Visit bit.ly/tenants-union to learn how to form a tenants' union.

More resources available at bit.ly/tttenantdefense.
Look for local resources at bit.ly/local-tenant-help.

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