

EVICTION MORATORIUM

ARE YOU AT RISK OF EVICTION DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF RENT?

1. HAVE YOU APPLIED TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR HELP PAYING YOUR RENT?

- In Rhode Island, financial assistance may be available from agencies such as Crossroads, United Way, and the various community action agencies. For help, you can call 211. Apply on-line to Safe Harbor at:

<https://www.uwri.org/safe-harbor-housing-program-tenant-application/>

2. DO YOU EARN LESS THAN \$99,000 PER YEAR? (\$198,000 FOR A JOINT TAX RETURN)

3. ARE YOU UNABLE TO PAY YOUR RENT BECAUSE OF A LOSS OF INCOME, WAGES, OR HOURS OF WORK, OR PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL EXPENSES?

4. ARE YOU USING YOUR BEST EFFORTS TO MAKE THE LARGEST PAYMENT POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES?

5. IF YOU ARE EVICTED, WOULD YOU: BECOME HOMELESS, MOVE INTO A HOMELESS SHELTER, MOVE INTO AN OVERCROWDED HOME WITH FRIENDS OR FAMILY?

Tenants who can truthfully answer “yes” to each of the above questions can stop their landlords from evicting them by signing the attached form and giving a copy to their landlord.

Once you give the signed form to your landlord, they must cease and desist from taking any action to evict you.

Tenants may report landlords who violation the moratorium to the police, Attorney General, and Department of Justice.

Landlords may report tenants believed to have lied on the sworn declaration to the police, Attorney General, and Department of Justice.

Free legal help for low-income tenants is available from:

Rhode Island Legal Services: 401-274-2652

The Rhode Island Center for Justice: 401-491-1101