

Tenant Rights During COVID-19 Pandemic

NY Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued an executive order protecting tenants throughout the state during the COVID-19 health crisis. New York's moratorium on COVID-related residential or commercial evictions will be extended for an additional 60 days until August 20th. The Governor also announced the state is banning late payments or fees for missed rent payments during the eviction moratorium, and allowing renters facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to use their security deposit as payment and repay their security deposit over time.

NYS Attorney General Letitia James has issued tenant guidance for New Yorkers during the COVID-19 health crisis, with contact numbers for tenants who feel their rights are being violated, which can be accessed here:

<https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/2020/attorney-general-james-issues-tenant-guidance-new-yorkers-during-coronavirus>

If you have questions or believe you have been a victim of harassment or discrimination of this kind, contact the Office of the Attorney General Civil Rights Bureau by emailing civil.rights@ag.ny.gov or calling 800-771-7755.