

# RESOURCES

## LOS ANGELES CITY

### Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD)

(866) 557-7368 | [housing2.lacity.org](http://housing2.lacity.org)

Report landlord harassment, unlawful rent increases, and safety violations.

### Department of Building & Safety (LADBS)

(213) 473-3231 | [ladbs.org](http://ladbs.org)

Report building code violations, unsafe buildings, and unlawful construction in residential and commercial buildings.

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY

### Department of Consumer & Business Affairs

(800) 593-8222 | [dcbalacounty.gov](http://dcbalacounty.gov)

Report landlord harassment and illegal rent increases.

### Department of Public Health

(800) 700-9995 | [publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov)

Report health and safety violations such as inadequate sanitation, pest infestations, lead, and mold.

## LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY

### Stay Housed LA

(888) 694-0094 | [stayhousedla.org](http://stayhousedla.org)

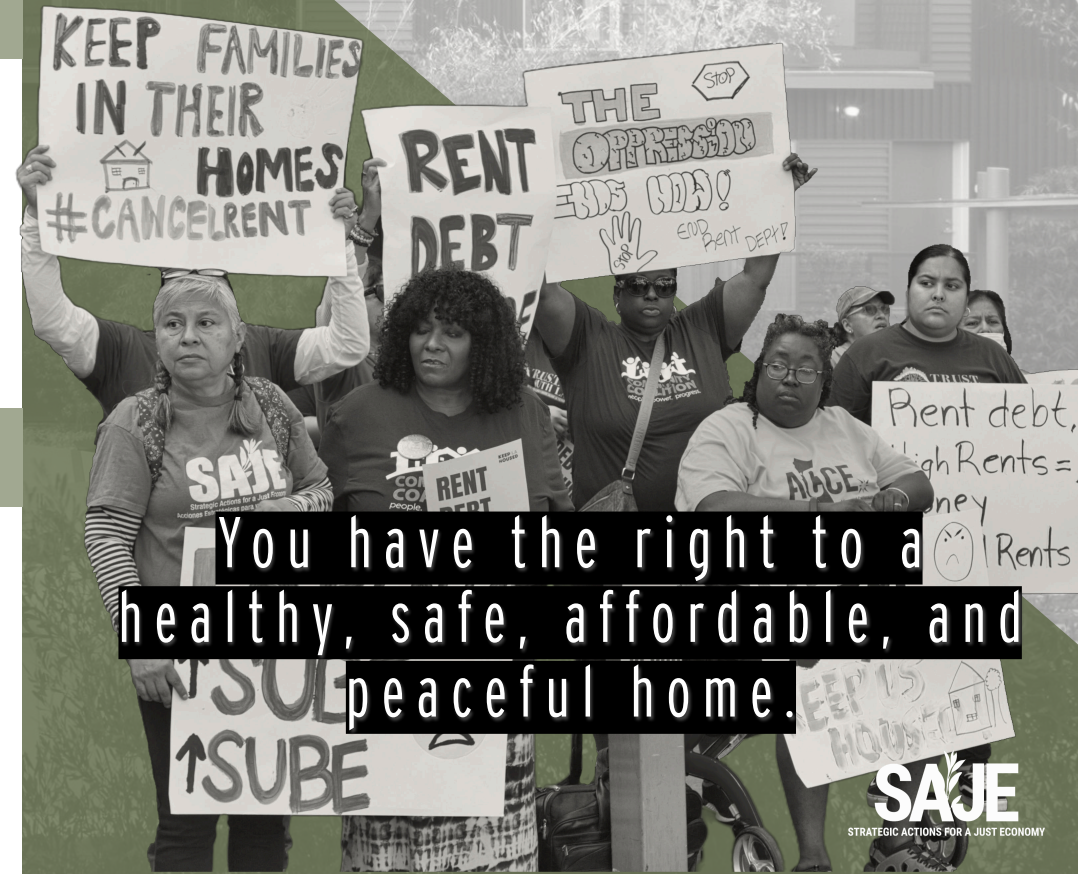
Legal help and rental assistance for L.A. City and County residents facing eviction.

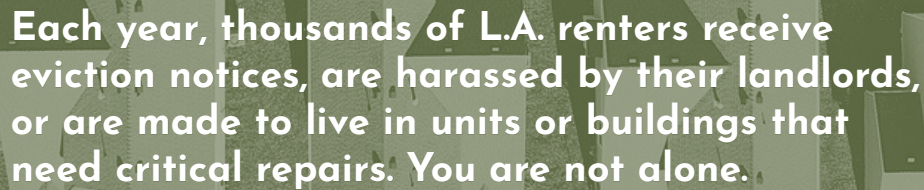
### Housing Rights Center

(800) 477-5977 | [housingrightscenter.org](http://housingrightscenter.org)

Fair housing investigations and information about rental housing laws.

# ENFORCE YOUR TENANT RIGHTS





Each year, thousands of L.A. renters receive eviction notices, are harassed by their landlords, or are made to live in units or buildings that need critical repairs. You are not alone.

## EVICTION

**In order to evict you, your landlord must have a valid legal reason, also called “just-cause”:**

- Missing a rent payment\*
- Violating your lease and not fixing the violation
- Not agreeing to a substantially similar lease when it's time to renew
- Restricting your landlord from reasonable access to your unit
- Not getting subtenants approved by your landlord
- Damaging your unit
- Conducting unlawful activities in your unit
- Your landlord or their immediate family plans to move in
- Your unit is being demolished and/or removed from the rental market

**\*In the City of L.A. and unincorporated L.A. County, you cannot be evicted for owing less than one month of Fair Market Rent.**

## HARASSMENT

If your landlord can't legally evict you, they may harass you to get you to move out. Harassment is unlawful and may include threats and assault, neglecting repairs, intentionally disturbing your peace and quiet, refusing to accept rent, or threatening to disclose immigration or citizenship status.

**Remember, your landlord must:**

- Give you written, 24-hour notice before entering your home.
- Make essential repairs, including fixing leaks, repairing plumbing, gas, electrical, and heat, and keeping the building free of mold, lead, and pests.
- Pay relocation fees if they plan to move into your rental unit or take it off the rental market.
- Accept animals adopted between March 2020 and January 31, 2023. Assistance and emotional support animals are not considered pets and you do not have to pay any extra charges or deposits.

# RENT STABILIZATION

## IF YOU LIVE IN L.A. CITY

The Rent Stabilization Ordinance of Los Angeles (LARSO) protects tenants from excessive rent increases. To qualify, your unit must:

- Be located in the City of L.A.
- Have been built before October 1, 1978
- Be part of a property with two or more units

## IF YOU LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY

L.A. County's Unincorporated Rent Stabilization Ordinance (L.A. County RSO) protects tenants from excessive rent increases. To qualify, your unit must:

- Be located in unincorporated L.A. County
- Have a Certificate of Occupancy issued on or before February 1, 1995
- Be part of a property with two or more units

## OTHER PROTECTIONS

Assembly Bill 1482 protects California tenants by capping rent increases annually at 5% plus a percentage (tied to the Consumer Price Index) for the region in which the property is located, up to 10%. Units that qualify are:

- Not already be covered by LARSO or L.A. County RSO
- At least 15 years old
- Single-family homes owned by corporate landlords

**L.A. City's Just-Cause Ordinance offers eviction protections for units not covered by LARSO or AB 1482.**