

EVICITION DEFENSE BASICS

1. DOCUMENT EVERYTHING

- Take photos of your entire unit (walls, leaks, appliances, mold, damages)
- Save all texts, emails, notices, and voicemail messages
- Keep copies of repair requests and maintenance tickets,
- Screenshot rent payment receipt



2. KNOW YOUR NOTICE

- Identify the type of notice you received: Pay or Quit (unpaid rent) Cure or Quit Unconditional Quit (severe violations) Non-renewal / No-fault
- Check how many days you legally have to respond.

Every state is different-verify your local rules.

3. RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

- Don't ignore notices.
- If you can pay, pay and get a receipt
- If you disagree with the claim, respond in writing
- Keep records of every communication



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