

RENTERS! KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

DOCUMENT EVERYTHING | TAKE PHOTOS | GET IT IN WRITING

REPAIRS

Your landlord is legally required to repair or address:

- Water dripping from ceilings and walls (from leaking pipes, bathtubs, or sinks)
- Holes in walls or floors
- Plaster/paint shedding
- Mildew or mold
- Damaged heaters
- Bad plumbing (or sewage back up)
- Broken/non-opening windows
- Missing window screens
- Broken smoke/carbon monoxide detectors
- Large gaps behind kitchen drawers or cupboards where insects can enter
- Inadequate garbage collection
- Unsafe stairs/handrails
- Unsecure/improper doorknobs
- Faulty electrical wiring
- Rats, roaches, and other vermin

EVICITION

- Your landlord can't evict you for reporting violations or making repairs without their consent.
- If a landlord evicts a tenant for a no-fault just cause, the landlord is required to pay a relocation assistance fee (equal to one month's rent).
- "No-fault" includes moving their family in, removing the unit from the market, and demolishing the unit.
- "At fault" includes breaking the lease, failure to pay rent, criminal activity, etc.

LANDLORD ENTERING UNIT

- A landlord may not enter your unit *without your consent* without 24 hours notice in writing.

RENT INCREASES

- Rent can not be increased more than 5% + your local CPI (Consumer Price Index). Also, rent can only be increased twice within any given 12-month period.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE

- Landlords can't turn you away based on your source of income, including housing vouchers such as Section 8.

PROBLEM? WHAT TO DO

- Make a list | Take photographs | Write a letter | Keep dated documentation | No repairs? File a complaint! Search "City of SLO Code Enforcement request" and submit a Field Investigation Request or call the Code Enforcement Hotline at (805) 594-8188

RESOURCES

- Tenants seeking professional legal assistance should contact **California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA)** at (805) 544-7997 or crla.org
- Want to know if you're protected by new laws (AB 1482)? Go to **tenantprotections.org**
- Got any housing horror stories? Victories? Let us know at **socialism@gmail.com**



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