

What are my responsibilities in MDHA public housing?

- **Recertify every year and whenever your household size or income changes.** Give proof of income for your household to your property manager.
- **Pay your rent every month.** Tell your property manager if your income changes - it could affect your rent!
- **Sign** required consent and verification forms.
- **DO NOT** violate your lease or threaten/do something dangerous. **This includes your guests.**
- **Notify your landlord in writing** of necessary repairs right away.

When can MDHA try to make me move out?

MDHA can only evict you or choose not to renew your lease **FOR CAUSE (for a specific reason)**. For example, you could lose your home if you:

- don't report income changes, or don't tell the landlord about people living with you.
- don't pay the rent or are repeatedly late paying rent.
- make the place unhealthy or unsafe.
- threaten/do something dangerous or illegal.

What happens if MDHA tries to make me move out?

- You get a **14-day notice** to pay if you **don't pay the rent**.
- You get a **30-day notice** to fix **almost any other problem**. You can request to meet with the landlord in the 30 days to fix the problem.
- If you don't pay the rent in 14 days or fix the problem in 30 days, **you will get court papers**.

If you are accused of criminal activity or threatening others, you may get shorter notice and might not be able to request a meeting.

If you get court papers, GO TO COURT! If you don't, you will lose automatically.

What other rights do I have in MDHA public housing?

Your late fee can never be more than **10% of your rent**. Some late fees can't be more than **\$10**. Check your lease!

You can't be evicted **just because** you owe late fees.

The property manager must make **necessary repairs** in a reasonable amount of time.

The property manager must keep **common areas & facilities** in safe, clean condition.