

# RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

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## HOUSING & FOOD ASSISTANCE

703-228-1300

- Help with rent and expenses
- Homelessness prevention
- Eviction prevention
- Food assistance
- Help with other vital social service needs



## COVID-19 INFORMATION

703-228-7999

- COVID-19 testing information
- How to prevent COVID-19
- Status of government operations, services, and public facilities
- More: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

703-237-0881

- Arlington's hotline for sexual assault, domestic and dating violence

*If you have an immediate medical or life threatening emergency, dial 9-1-1.*

## FAQs: RENTER RIGHTS

### ◆ What if I can't pay my rent?

Contact your landlord as soon as you realize you may not be able to pay rent. Ask if partial payments will be accepted until the rent is paid in full. Write out a payment plan that reflects what you can afford. Additional help with rent and expenses can be found via the Housing Assistance number listed above and the County's website.

### ◆ Can I be evicted?

The Supreme Court of Virginia has suspended all evictions until June 7, 2020. This date could be extended. Check the County website for updates. Your landlord cannot evict you or ask you to leave your residence for having COVID-19 or while seeking medical assistance.

### ◆ I have COVID-19. Do I have to tell my landlord?

No. You are not required to tell a landlord about a diagnosis. However, doing so can help protect building staff and other people you may have contacted.

### ◆ My landlord thinks I have COVID-19 and will not let me into my home. What can I do?

Landlords cannot refuse entry or ask you to leave because of fears and stigma around COVID-19. Discrimination or harassment based on actual or perceived race, national origin, disability, or other protected classes is also illegal. If you are facing discrimination and harassment by your landlord, contact the housing assistance number above.

### ◆ A renter in my building is infected with COVID-19. What can I do?

Property management does not have to share an active COVID-19 diagnosis with other renters. There may also be privacy issues. You should take action to protect yourself, such as practicing social distancing and frequently washing your hands. See more prevention tips at the County's website.

**MORE FAQs ONLINE:** [arlingtonva.us/coronavirus](http://arlingtonva.us/coronavirus)