



Deciding to Move: Shorter Notice Period for Tenants Facing Abuse

Residential Tenancy Act (RTA)

The RTA has recently applied changes to allow tenants who need to move because of sexual or domestic violence to give only 28 days' notice to their landlord. This applies to situations in which either the tenants or a child living with them has experienced the abuse.

How do I notify my landlord?

You can inform your landlord of your situation and intention to move out by completing a Tenant's Notice to End my Tenancy Because of Fear of Sexual or Domestic Violence and Abuse form (N15) by going to www.ltb.gov.on.ca and selecting Forms > Forms for Tenants.

In addition, you must **provide one** of the two following documents:

1. completed Tenant's Statement About Sexual or Domestic Violence and Abuse
- or
2. a copy of a court order (such as a peace bond or restraining order)

You can mail, fax, or give your notice in person to your landlord or your landlord's agent, such as the superintendent or property manager. If you deliver it in person, ask them to sign and date your copy. Make sure you keep a copy of your notice as well. And if you mail it, keep a record of when you did by getting a receipt from the post office.

When do I deliver my notice?

For your notice to be legal, you must choose the right date (the "termination date"). This date and when to give notice both depend on the type of tenancy you have.

The Landlord and Tenant Board can help you determine these dates. Call 1-888-332-3234 or go to www.sjto.gov.on.ca/ltb/contact for more information. You can also call Waterloo Region Community Legal Services at 519-743-0254 or visit www.wrcls.ca.

