

Transcript of Staying Housed Audio

00:00 – 1:27 “One of the most important rights a renter has is security of tenure. This means that you can stay in your unit as long as you want unless the landlord has a legal reason to ask you to move out. You don’t have this right if you are staying in a hostel or shelter.

The Residential Tenancies Act is a law that sets out the rights and responsibilities for you and your landlord. The law allows a landlord to give a renter notice to move out if someone living in the unit did something they shouldn't, or didn't do something they should. It's also important to remember that you are responsible for your guests.

A landlord can evict someone for not paying rent or paying late a lot of the time, for damaging rental property, illegal activity, disturbing the enjoyment of other tenants or the landlord, and not reporting income in subsidized or rent-geared-to income housing. And if you have a pet that keeps damaging the property or that someone is allergic to, this could also be a reason for the landlord to give you notice.

In some situations that come up, you will need to contact your landlord right away. They are – when appliances or fixtures stop working, if you get a pest infestation, such as insects or rodents, and emergencies that could cause damage or that could impact someone's health and safety.

Check out the tip sheets and work sheets in this section for more information and where to go for one-on-one help.”