

# Rental Housing Resources

## **Solve Rental Issues Quickly**

For English call 612-728-5767; For Spanish call 612-255-8870, For Somali call 612-255-8860.

[www.homelinemn.org](http://www.homelinemn.org)

HOME Line provides free and low-cost legal, organizing, education, and advocacy services so that tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental issues in an effective and efficient way.

## **Get Free Legal Help**

651-222-4731 [www.lawhelpmn.org](http://www.lawhelpmn.org)

LawHelpMN.org is made up of Legal Services State Support, Pro Bono Net, the Minnesota State Bar Association, and Legal Services Corporation. They provide services for a variety of issues to include housing, family, seniors, debt, work, and immigration. Housing issues include evictions, repairs and lock-outs, utilities, foreclosure for tenants and homeowners, renter's refund, security deposit, disabilities and discrimination, and may more issues.

## **Know Your Rights and Responsibilities**

651-296-3353 [www.ag.state.mn.us](http://www.ag.state.mn.us)

The Minnesota Attorney General's Office has created a Landlord and Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Guide. Read this legal resource to make sure you know your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. To get an electronic copy, visit

<http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Handbooks/LT/default.asp>

## **Settle a Dispute**

651-292-7791 [www.disputeresolutioncenter.org](http://www.disputeresolutioncenter.org)

The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) has been the recognized leader in the East Metro area in providing low- and no-cost alternative dispute resolution processes—including mediation, facilitation, and restorative processes—in the community and in court-annexed settings.

## **Find Safe, Affordable, Quality Housing**

651-298-5664 [www.stpaulpha.org](http://www.stpaulpha.org)

The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency owns and operates almost 4,300 public housing units and administers over 4,600 housing choice vouchers under HUD's Section 8 Program. If you think you may qualify and are looking for safe, affordable, quality rental housing, please contact them.

## **HousingLink**

612-522-2500 [www.housinglink.org](http://www.housinglink.org)

Search online for quality affordable rental housing in your community. Then, check out their renter resources page for more information about your rights as a tenant.

### **Emergency Financial Help**

651-774-5234

[http://www.saintpaulfoundation.org/who\\_we\\_are/our\\_community\\_impact/community\\_initiatives/community\\_sharing\\_fund/](http://www.saintpaulfoundation.org/who_we_are/our_community_impact/community_initiatives/community_sharing_fund/)

The Saint Paul Foundation has a Community Sharing Fund that provides funding to individuals, families and organizations with verifiable emergency needs when other services or funds are unavailable—including grants for rent, damage deposit, utility costs and more. A non-profit agency staff person must apply on your behalf, so the number above is for District 5. Please let us know if you would like us to help you pursue this opportunity.

### **Ask for Rental Assistance**

651-776-2653 [www.thesalarmy.org](http://www.thesalarmy.org)

Rental assistance is sometimes available through the Salvation Army. To determine if rent or mortgage assistance is available to you, call our local Salvation Army at 1019 Payne Ave.

### **Save Your Environment—and Your Money**

651-328-6220 [www.thenec.org](http://www.thenec.org)

For just \$70 (fee waived for customers who qualify for Energy Assistance) a professional energy squad will install door weather stripping, energy-efficient light bulbs, a programmable thermostat, water heater insulation, water-saving shower heads and faucet aerators, and smart power strips in your home. All you need is a signed letter of consent from your landlord.

<http://thenec.org/programs/home-energy-squad> .

### **Get Assistance with Your Energy Bills**

651-645-6445 [www.caprw.org](http://www.caprw.org)

Community Action of Ramsey and Washington Counties offers energy assistance to households that make 50% or less of the state median income or 110% of poverty, whichever is greater. Services include bill payment assistance, home energy crisis intervention, outreach to vulnerable populations, energy advocacy, information about utility consumer rights, and referrals to our Energy Conservation department and other community agencies. Find applications and worksheets at <http://www.caprw.org/community-action-services/energy-assistance/>

### **Minnesota Crime Free Rental Housing Program**

651-266-5994

This program is designed as a partnership between law enforcement, and rental property owners, managers and tenants to keep drugs and illegal activity out of rental property. It ensures tenant friendly techniques will be applied to maintain crime prevention goals. If you are worried about crime in your rental home, encourage your landlord and other tenants to enroll in this program. You'll get a safer environment, a sense of community, fair and equal treatment of all tenants, a more involved management, and greater knowledge of crime prevention techniques. Find the 2016 class dates and enrollment form at

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/police/crime-free-multi-housing-program>