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EVICTIION PROCESS

Know your rights and resources when it comes to an eviction

1.) NOTICE



A written notice is the first step in an eviction.

Usually comes with scary, stern language
"You must leave in 3 days"

You do not need to move yet.

2.) UNLAWFUL DETAINER



After the notice has expired, your landlord must go to court and file an "unlawful detainer" to continue with the eviction.

If you receive court documents, call EDC:
(415) 659-9184

3.) SHERIFF'S NOTICE



After a tenant has lost their court case and has not left, the Sheriff will come and physically remove a tenant from their home. They will give a 1 week-notice.

Notice Stage

What does it mean?

- The first stage in an eviction case should be a written notice
- Notices have really stern, scary language
 - "After x amount of days you need to leave"
 - **You don't need to move yet**
 - If you can cure the issue before the notice expires, there can be no eviction
- If you are having issues with your landlord, questions about your rights, please call **Tenant Counselling Organizations** *[to the right -->]*
- To proceed with an eviction, the landlord has to go to court and file an Unlawful Detainer

Tenant Counselling Organizations:

HOUSING RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF SAN FRANCISCO:

Mission Office M-Th 1-5pm: (415) 703-8644

Westside Office M, W-F 9am-12pm: (415) 947-9085

<http://hrssf.org/>

SAN FRANCISCO TENANTS UNION:

(415) 282-6622

<https://www.sftu.org/schedule>

CAUSA JUSTA:: JUST CAUSE

Monday & Friday 1-5pm

(415) 487-9203

<https://cjjc.org/>

Mission SRO Collaborative

(415) 282-6209

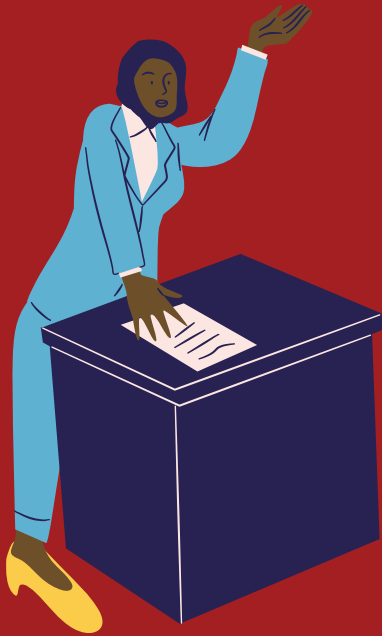
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Unlawful Detainer

Who can help me in court?



- After a written notice expires, court documents may be served to you in 3 different ways:
 - **Personal service:** a tenant is handed documents
 - **Substitute service:** another responsible adult is handed documents, and mailed to the tenant
 - **Posted on door and mailed**
- A tenant could have as little as 5 days to file a response with the court
- If a tenant doesn't file a response in time, they will lose their case by default

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If you are a tenant in San Francisco and have been served with an Unlawful Detainer, contact the Eviction Defense Collaborative (415) 659-9184 or legal@evictiondefense.org



Sheriff's Notice

- After a tenant has lost their court case, the next documents they will likely receive will be a 1 week's Sheriff's notice posted on their door.
 - In San Francisco, the Sheriff comes on Wednesdays.
- Tenants can ask the court to let them stay in their home for an additional week. Eviction Defense Collaborative helps with this application.
 - The court generally requires the tenants to pay one week's rent



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If you are being evicted from your home, please call or email our
legal assistance line
(415) 659-9184
legal@evictiondefense.org

Limited drop-in hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00am-11:30am, 1:00pm-2:30pm
976 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

