

# **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:**

The temporary moratorium on evictions has expired – now what?

## THE FEDERAL EVICTION MORITORIUM IS STILL IN PLACE:

In fact, it is in place until December 31, 2020; but it only applies in a specific set of circumstances. You can learn more here.

#### WHAT TO KNOW:

- The landlord must give you a written notice asking you to leave.
- The landlord cannot force you out by changing the locks or shutting off the utilities.
- The landlord cannot evict you without a court order.

#### **BEING EVICTED?**

Several websites are available where you can learn what to do when facing eviction:

- Attorney General's Guide to Landlord and Tenant Rights
- City of Boston
- MADE: Self-Guided Eviction Help
- Mass.gov

### **NEED LEGAL SERVICES?**

You can always reach out to:

Greater Boston Legal Services,  Massachusetts Defense for Eviction	Massachusetts Bar Association Referral Program
Harvard Legal Aid Bureau	Volunteer Lawyers Project

## STAY VIGILANT FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

If someone is trying to take advantage of you, taking your property, denying you access to your property, threatening or intimidating you, or offering you something that seems just a little too good to be true, they may be committing a crime.

When in doubt contact your local police department. If you are in immediate danger always call 911.

If you believe you've been a victim of a housing scam, call us at (781) 897-8300 or ask the following agencies for help:

- Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation: 617-973-8787
- MA Attorney General's Office Consumer Complaint

For more information on the Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan's Office visit: <a href="https://www.middlesexda.com">www.middlesexda.com</a>