

NEW RIGHTS FOR CALIFORNIA RENTERS

Starting January 1, 2020, new laws in California will give renters more rights, thanks to passage of AB 1482, also known as the Tenant Protection Act of 2019.

If you have rented your unit for over a year, your landlord will not be able to evict you without a good reason, like not paying rent or violating your lease agreement. If you are a tenant in a rental unit built before 2005, you will likely have more rights starting on January 1. There are limited exceptions to this for certain types of housing.

Tenants in San Jose or Mountain View may have additional renter protections through the local law in these cities.

Your landlord will not be able to give you a large rent increase. In Santa Clara County, landlords will not be able to raise rent in one year more than an estimated 6.0% per year.

Need help? Contact us at (408) 280-2424 and learn more at www.lawfoundation.org/housing if you have questions about the new state law or need help with an eviction or other housing related legal matter.

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