

Know Your Rights: Illegal Evictions

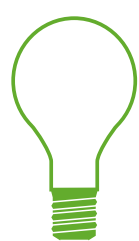


What is an illegal eviction?

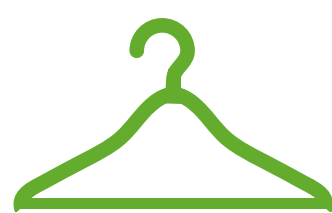
An illegal eviction is when your landlord attempts to evict you without taking you to court. Examples include:



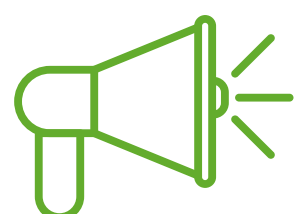
Changing or removing your locks



Shutting off your utilities



Removing your possessions



Using or threatening use of force

Your landlord cannot evict you without taking you to court and getting an order from a judge!



It is a **class A misdemeanor** for any person to try to illegally evict a tenant (under Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law Section 768). It is the responsibility of the police/sheriff to enforce this law.

If your landlord is attempting an illegal eviction, contact Legal Assistance of Western New York

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361 South Main Street
Geneva, NY 14456

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Domestic Violence Resources

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-247-7273
Office: 315-568-4200
Online chat: <https://shflny.org/chat>

Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes
24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-695-0390
Office: 315-789-2613
Website: www.fcsfl.org