

FACT SHEET

FREE ACCESS TO CIVIL LEGAL AID FOR TENANTS AT RISK OF EVICTION & IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON STATE

I am a tenant being evicted, and I am not a US citizen. Can I get free legal support via the Northwest Justice Project (NJP) and the Eviction Prevention Line?

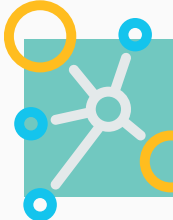


- A law in Washington (SB 5160) guarantees legal representation to low-income tenants facing eviction, regardless of your immigration status.
- The Eviction Prevention Line is a telephone number you can call if your landlord is a) threatening eviction or b) has served you written notice to start the eviction process, and a staff-person will interview you to see if you are eligible, regardless of immigration status: 855-657-8387.



- The Eviction Prevention Line is set up to allow people to call at any time. If there are staff available, the calls will go to them. Callers can leave voicemails, and your call will be returned. Interpretation services will be provided for the call if you need them. Spanish speaking clients are served by Spanish speaking screeners.

- Some of the calls are redirected to the primary eviction providers in their counties. This is true for King and Pierce counties.



- The staff-person is required to ask about your citizenship status to help determine what services you may be eligible for. This information is strictly confidential and will never be shared without your consent.
- The staff-person who you speak with on the Eviction Prevention Line will refer you to the appropriate eviction defense provider.



- For tenants who have been served with a summons and qualify based on income, the Eviction Prevention Line will refer you to an Eviction Defense provider. This may be to the Northwest Justice Project or to one of the partner organizations (like the Housing Justice Project). All eligible tenants will be connected with an Eviction defense provider regardless of immigration status.
- For legal issues other than eviction, the Eviction Prevention Line screeners will redirect you to call the CLEAR or 2-1-1 legal hotline for your county.

** NJP may determine that a tenant is not LSC eligible based on immigration status. LSC, Legal Services Corporation, is federal funding that NJP receives which prohibits NJP from representing some undocumented persons. However, NJP can still provide legal information and can refer you to an attorney, even if representation is prohibited. This document developed in partnership with the Northwest Justice Project. Updated 3/13/23*

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