

LETTER TO LANDLORD CONCERNING ILLEGAL EVICTION OR UTILITY SHUT-OFF

(Tenant's Name)

(Tenant's Street Address)

(City, State and Zip Code)

(Date)

(Landlord's Name)

(Landlord's Street Address)

(City, State and Zip Code)

Dear _____:

This notice concerns your attempt to unlawfully evict me from my apartment.

ANY attempt to regain possession of an apartment without going through proper court proceedings and obtaining a valid execution is clearly illegal. This means that you:

- cannot change the locks
- cannot remove my possessions
- cannot terminate utility service
- cannot threaten to do any of the above

All of these acts carry civil as well as criminal penalties. In addition to criminal penalties, you may be liable to me for actual damages or three (3) months' rent, whichever is greater, plus the costs of my lawsuit and attorney's fees

Again, you must follow the proper court procedure before you are allowed to evict me or any other occupant of my apartment. I am aware of my legal remedies and intend to pursue them if you do not immediately cease your illegal conduct.

Sincerely,

(Tenant's Signature)