

EVICTIION:

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THE EVICTION NOTICE MUST BE IN WRITING.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE WHEN
YOU GET THE EVICTION NOTICE.**



After the eviction expires, your landlord still must ask a judge's permission to evict you. This request is called a "landlord & tenant writ." The sheriff will bring the writ to your home. You do not have to move out when you get this.

DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT THE EVICTION? TELL THE COURT.



To do this you must "file an appearance" with the court. This is a simple one-page form the court should send you, or you can get it at the court. You **MUST** return the form to the court by the **RETURN DAY** on the first page of the landlord & tenant writ. You can hand deliver or mail the form to the court. Allow at least two days for delivery if you mail it.

COURT DATE

Once the court gets your "appearance form," it will send you a "notice of hearing." This will have the date and time of your hearing.



TALK TO THE JUDGE

At your hearing, tell the judge why you should not be evicted. If you need help with what to say, call legal aid at 1-800-639-5390 or apply online at nhlegalaid.org. Even if there is no legal defense against the eviction, you can ask the judge for up to 90 days to move.

WHAT IF YOU LOSE?

If the landlord wins, the judge will sign a "writ of possession." You do not have to leave until the sheriff brings this writ to your home.