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|  |  **Mississippi** **Eviction Prevention Toolkit** | 447 Mississippi State Outline Illustrations & Clip Art - iStock |



**As the Eviction moratorium comes to an end, thousands of Mississippi renters are finding themselves at risk of losing their home due to:**

 Inability to pay arrears rental payments

 Increased rental rates

**Resources to assist in the event of eviction:**

If you have not been able to make rent payments due to COVID-19, you may qualify for the[**Rental Assistance for Mississippians Program (RAMP)**](https://ms-rampera.com/)**.** RAMP can provide up to 15 months of rental and utility assistance to eligible renters.

[**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)**](https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/renter-protections/find-help-with-rent-and-utilities/)

Allows renters and landlords to find rental assistance programs in their area.

For those facing eviction for non-payment and affected by COVID-19, contact [**Mississippi Center for Justice**](https://mscenterforjustice.org/contact/) **(MCJ)** or call MCJ’s hotline at **228-702-9983**. For other housing issues, including evictions and foreclosures, email  **housing@mscenterforjustice.org**

**Fair Housing**

If you feel that you have been evicted on the basis of your: Race, Color, National Origin, Religion, Sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), Familial Status, Disability, then we encourage you to file a fair housing complaint.

You can file a complaint with FHEO online in[**English**](https://portalapps.hud.gov/FHEO903/Form903/Form903Start.action) or[**Spanish**](https://portalapps.hud.gov/AdaptivePages/HUD_Spanish/Espanol/complaint/complaint-details.htm).

You can speak with an FHEO intake specialist by calling 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-877-8339.

**Did you know that HUD has affordable housing resources throughout the state of Mississippi?**

* **[Rental Help Mississippi](https://www.hud.gov/states/mississippi/renting)**

**Subsidized Apartments**

HUD helps apartment owners offer reduced rents to low-income tenants. To apply, contact or visit the management office of each apartment building that interests you.

* Search for a subsidized apartment by clicking [**here**](https://resources.hud.gov/).

**Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)**

To apply for either type of help, visit your local Public Housing Agency (PHA).

* [**Public Housing Authorities in Mississippi**](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA_Contact_Report_MS.pdf)
	+ Some PHAs have long waiting lists, so you may want to apply at more than one PHA. Your PHA can also give you a list of locations at which your voucher can be used.

**Need Help Locating Housing and Other Resources?**

* [Contact a housing counseling agency](https://hudgov-answers.force.com/housingcounseling/s/)
* [**HUD Resource Locator**](https://resources.hud.gov/)- search for HUD offices, public housing agencies, multifamily and public housing locations, and homeless coordinated entry system points of contacts.

**Other Mississippi Resources**

[**[Affordable housing in Mississippi](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Mississippi)

[**[Find units for rent in rural Mississippi](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_county.jsp?st=MS&state_name=Mississippi&st_cd=28)

[**[Housing resources for seniors](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://www.hud.gov/topics/information_for_senior_citizens)

[**[Information for disabilities](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://www.hud.gov/topics/information_for_disabled_persons)

[**[Independent living centers](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://www.seniorhousingnet.com/care-types/independent-living)[– for seniors and people with disabilities](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)

[**[Local Tenant Rights, Laws, and Protections](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://www.hud.gov/states/mississippi/renting/tenantrights)

[**[Continuums of Care](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://www.hud.gov/states/mississippi/homeless/servicegroups)[- coordinate housing and services for homeless families and individuals](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)

[**[Mississippi Center for Legal Services](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://mscenterforlegalservices.org/contact-us/)[- helps clients throughout central and southern Mississippi](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)

[Call 1-800-498-1804 or click the](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/) [**[locations page](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://mscenterforlegalservices.org/locations/)[for local telephone numbers and addresses.](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)

[**[North Mississippi Rural Legal Services](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](https://nmrls.com/)[- serves eligible residents in the North Mississippi area.   Call 1-800-498-1804](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)

[**[Mississippi Access to Justice](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)**](http://msatjc.org/legal-resources) [-](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)[provides information on legal issues to prepare citizens for court.](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)

*[The website does not give legal advice and it is not a substitute for having a lawyer.](https://www.mississippiaccesstocare.org/)*