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|  | **South Carolina**  **Eviction Prevention Toolkit** |  |



**Have you been financially impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? As the eviction moratorium comes to an end, thousands of South Carolina renters are finding themselves at risk of losing their home due to:**

Inability to pay arrears rental payments

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

**[Consumer Federal Protection Bureau](https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/)**

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

[**SC Stay Plus**](https://www.schousing.com/home/sc-stay-plus) has been created to assist South Carolina households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Click on the link to find out if you’re eligible for assistance. [**South Carolina Emergency Rental Assistance Program**](https://southcarolina.onlinepha.com/en-US/?msclkid=28c45a3bd07b11ecaf2c87986faee7b3)

**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 South Carolina?**

* **[Rental Help: South Carolina](https://resources.hud.gov/)**

**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 this link: [**HUD Resource Locator**](https://www.hud.gov/resources)

**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 South Carolina](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA_Contact_Report_SC.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://www.hud.gov/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor)**](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 South Carolina Resources**

Low-income individuals and families in South Carolina can receive a number of services from their local **Community Action Agency.** To find an agency near you, please click on this link: [**South Carolina Office of Economic Opportunity**](http://oeo.sc.gov/help.html) and select your county.

[**South Carolina Legal Services**](https://sclegal.org/rental-assistance-chart/) – or call their toll-free hotline at 1-833-958-2266

**[Help with your utility bills](https://www.hud.gov/states/florida/renting/energyprgms)**

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

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

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

**[Local tenant rights, laws, protections](https://www.hud.gov/groups/tenants)**