

MISSOURI TENANTS' RIGHTS: EVICTION

Here's some important information for Missouri tenants regarding evictions:

How Can I Check to See If an Eviction Lawsuit Has Been Filed?

- Check online at www.courts.mo.gov/casenet for your court date.
- Missouri courts are open and legal proceedings are being conducted.
- Some local courts continue to conduct court proceedings virtually using online platforms such as WebEx.
- **Certain court proceedings may be held in-person.** Please pay careful attention to any notice you receive from the court about how your proceeding will be conducted.
- **Be on time for your court date.**
- **If you are sick or in the hospital and cannot attend court, you need to contact the court clerk, so the judge is aware of your situation.**
- Check the City and County court websites at <https://wp.stlcountycourts.com/> and <http://www.stlcitycircuitcourt.com/>.

What if a Court eviction order has already been issued against you?

- If a court order has been issued against you, the landlord will then request a writ of execution of the eviction.
- Once the Court issues the writ of execution, the Sheriff's Department may move forward with the eviction.
- The Sheriff's Department will post a Notice of Eviction on the premises (property).
- Once a notice of eviction is posted, you must be prepared to vacate (leave) the property.
- On the day of the eviction, a deputy sheriff will be present as your landlord changes the locks.
- Be sure to remove all of your belongings before the eviction date. At least, remove precious belongings such as important documents (*Drivers' License, State I.D., Birth Certificates, Social Security cards*), personal belongings (*clothes/shoes, photographs, medicine, medical equipment, etc.*) and other items you can carry.
- **Once the eviction occurs, you will be unable to re-enter the property.**
- The landlord will change the locks and is not required to let you re-enter the property for any of your belongings.