



Rental Agreements—Moving In, Moving On

Module Notes:

Reading a rental agreement.

Legal procedures related to rental agreements.

Ending a rental agreement.

Remember:

The **Rental Agreement** is a legally bind document that needs to be read carefully and understood by the tenant. It is important to keep a copy of the Rental Agreement as long as you stay in the property.

The **security deposit** paid to a landlord when a tenant moves in is “insurance” for the landlord should the tenant damage the property or miss paying rent.

Eviction is the legal process a landlord may follow when a tenant has violated a term of the rental agreement and not corrected the violation.

Questions to Consider:

- What are some of the advantages of having a written rental agreement?
- What should you look for/check on a rental agreement?
- Who should you contact if you need assistance understanding your rental agreement?
- Why should you avoid an eviction?
- What procedures should be followed when ending a rental agreement?

References and Resources:

Landlord Tenant Guide:

<http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Consumer/pdf/LT-LandlordTenantGuide497.pdf>

Tenant Resource Center:

www.tenantresourcecenter.org/

Tenant Sourcebook, Legal Action of Wisconsin: http://www.legalaction.org/content/index.cfm?cm_id=83

Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter ATCP 134 Residential Rental Practices: http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/090/134.pdf

Wisconsin State Law Library <http://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/landlord.php>

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