

ATTENTION CONNECTICUT TENANTS!

You Have The Right To Stay In Your Home!

- Under the **Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act**, you can remain in your rental home through the end of your lease
- If you don't have a written lease, the new owner must give you at least **90 days'** notice before you have to leave
- **Connecticut residents have even more rights!**

Signs Your Landlord May Be Going Through Foreclosure:

- You have received a notice from a **court, law firm, bank, or real estate agent**
- Someone has offered you **cash for your keys**
- A **realtor** has come to your home

IS YOUR LANDLORD GOING THROUGH FORECLOSURE?

How Do I Find Out If My Landlord Is In Foreclosure?

- **Read** any notices that appear on your door
- **Call** your landlord and ask
- **Go** to your **County Assessor's** office and search public records for the property. (<http://www.biggerpockets.com/county-assessor/connecticut.html>)

What About My Security Deposit?

The **Connecticut Security Deposit Act** gives you rights:

- You have a right to get your security deposit back from the **original owner** or the **new owner**.
- A new owner cannot simply refer you to the old landlord to get the deposit back

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STEP 1: Get FREE Legal Help

Legal Aid for People in Connecticut

Legal Services Hotline: 800-453-3320

Hotline open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

CT Network for Legal Aid

Phone: 1-800-453-3320

<http://ctlawhelp.org/>

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STEP 2: Know Your Rights

- All CT residents have a right **written notice** if there is a **change in ownership** on your property.
- If you are disabled or over 62 AND live in a building with 5+ units, you cannot be evicted because of a change in ownership

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

STEP 3: Cash for Keys Offers

You do not have to accept cash for keys!
The money offered **must** be the **greatest** of these options:

- Twice the total of the security deposit and unpaid interest on it;
- Two months' rent; or
- \$2,000.

STEP 4: Know Your Rental Obligations

- You still **must pay rent!**
- If the notice says that you should pay rent to someone else, **you must pay rent to that person.**

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