

ATTENTION ILLINOIS 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
- **Illinois residents have even more rights!**

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

- **Read** any notices on your door
- **Call** your landlord and ask
- **Find** the PIN number of your property at <http://www.newschicago.org>. Then, enter it at <http://cookcountyassessor.com>.
- **Go** to your county assessor's office. See <http://cookcountyassessor.com/officelocations.aspx> for locations.

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?

What About My Security Deposit?

- If you live in **Chicago**:
 - The new landlord may be required to return your security deposit.
- If you live **outside of Chicago**:
 - The new landlord is not responsible for returning your security deposit, but you can sue your previous landlord to get it back.

STEP 1: Get FREE Legal Help

Metropolitan Tenants Organization

Renter's Rights Hotline: (773) 292-4988

<http://www.tenants-rights.org/>

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation

<http://www.lollaf.org>

Referral Center: (1-877) 342.7891.

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty

www.nlchp.org

STEP 2: Know Your Rights Under Illinois Law

- You have a right to receive notice of a foreclosure sale 21 days after the sale.
- The notice **must**:
 - Provide **name, address, & phone number** of a person you can contact about the property and repairs.
 - Contain the language: "this is NOT a notice to vacate the premises."

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

STEP 3: Know Your Rental Obligations

- In general, you still **must pay rent!**
- If you are told to pay rent to someone else, you must pay it to that person or company.
- If you do not know who to pay rent to, you must make a **good faith effort** to find out whom to pay. Examples of a good faith effort:
 - Holding rent in a money order
 - Sending a letter to your landlord via certified mail asking where to pay rent.

STEP 3: Know Your Rental Obligations (Cont.)

- If you do **not receive a notice** or the notice does **not contain the information** in step 2, the **owner may not have a right** to collect rent from you or evict you for non-payment of rent.
- **Get legal help** to determine your rights—see Step 1