

Right to FREE Eviction Help IN 36TH DISTRICT COURT!



What is the Right to Counsel law?

In the city of Detroit, there's a law called Right-to-Counsel (RTC) that helps people who rent their homes and are facing eviction. This law gives low-income renters or tenants the right to have a free lawyer represent them in court. So always ask to speak to a FREE lawyer at the beginning of your eviction hearing and before you say anything about your case!

What is the best way to connect with a free Right to Counsel attorney?

If you have a court date coming up related to your landlord-tenant situation at the 36th District Court, please attend the hearing. It is important to attend all virtual hearings and in-person hearings. Our free lawyers will be there to support you and tell you more about your rights under the RTC law.

Who qualifies for free legal help in eviction cases?

Free legal services are available to tenant households that are facing eviction and have a gross income up to 200% of the federal poverty level.

To determine eligibility, please bring one of the following documents with you to court:

- Paystubs not older than 90 days, W-2s, 1099, bank statements demonstrating regular income, or an employer statement from the current year
- Federal or state income taxes from the most recent year, first 2 pages of IRS form 1040
- Pension benefits explanations from the most recent quarter or year

An official benefits letter for the current year for the following qualifying government programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program- SNAP/Food Assistance Program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - TANF/Family Independence Program (FIP)
- Medicare Part D or Medicaid documents
- Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefit statement

- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Low Income Self-Sufficiency Program (DTE LSP enrollment)
- State Emergency Relief Energy assistance payment
- Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Lifeline Plan
- Housing subsidy annual income verification documents, current annual verification



Law Department

Connect with free lawyers in your upcoming eviction case in 36th District Court



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GET HELP BEFORE YOU GO TO COURT

DETROIT HOUSING HELPLINE:

866-313-2520

www.michiganlegalhelp.org • law-oed@detroitmi.gov

If you have a disability, please request an accommodation online at:

www.36thdistrictcourt.org

Get Help When You Go To Court

The Detroit Right To Counsel law provides eligible low-income renters with a right to free legal Representation.

Always ask to speak with a FREE Right to Counsel lawyer at the beginning of your eviction hearing & before you say anything about your case.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING YOUR HEARING ON ZOOM:

- If you have never used Zoom, or if it has been a while, try a Test Zoom meeting before your hearing. **You can view beginner's videos at <https://learn-zoom.us/show-me>.**
- On your court date, log on to the Zoom hearing with the information listed on your court notice.
- When the judge calls your case, **inform the judge that you would like to speak with a free Right to Counsel lawyer about your case in a virtual breakout room**, if you have not already spoken with a Right to Counsel attorney or have one representing you.
- Before speaking with any lawyer, always ask if the lawyer is representing your landlord. **You do NOT want to speak with your landlord's attorney before you speak with your own free Right to Counsel lawyer.**

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING YOUR HEARING IN PERSON:

- Check in at your assigned courtroom and let the courtroom staff know you are here for your hearing. **Checking in is important so that the judge does not believe that you failed to appear and enter a default judgment against you.**
- After checking in, ask to go to Room 417 (4th Floor) or Room 5A (5th Floor) to speak to a FREE Right to Counsel lawyer.
- Before speaking with any lawyer, always ask if the lawyer is representing your landlord. **You do NOT want to speak with your landlord's attorney before you speak with your own free Right to Counsel lawyer.**

Derecho a ayuda GRATUITA en caso de desalojo

¡EN EL TRIBUNAL DE DISTRITO 36!



¿Qué es la ley de derecho a un abogado?

En la ciudad de Detroit, existe una ley llamada Derecho a un Abogado (Right-to-Counsel, RTC) que ayuda a las personas que alquilan sus casas y enfrentan el desalojo. Esta ley otorga a los inquilinos o arrendatarios con bajos ingresos el derecho a que un abogado gratuito les represente ante los tribunales. ¡Así que siempre pida hablar con un abogado GRATUITO al comienzo de su audiencia de desalojo y antes de decir algo sobre su caso!

¿Cuál es la mejor manera de ponerse en contacto con un abogado de derecho gratuito?

Si tiene una fecha de audiencia próxima relacionada con su situación entre propietario y arrendatario en el Tribunal de Distrito 36, asista a la audiencia. Es importante asistir a todas las audiencias virtuales y presenciales. Nuestros abogados gratuitos estarán allí para apoyarlo y brindarle más información sobre sus derechos según la ley RTC.

¿Quién califica para recibir ayuda legal gratuita en casos de desalojo?

Hay servicios legales gratuitos disponibles para hogares inquilinos que enfrentan un desalojo y tienen un ingreso bruto de hasta el 200 % del nivel federal de pobreza.



Para determinar la elegibilidad, traiga uno de los siguientes documentos al tribunal:

- Recibos de sueldo que no tengan más de 90 días, formularios W-2, 1099, extractos bancarios que demuestren ingresos regulares o un estado de cuenta del empleador del año en curso
- Impuestos federales o estatales sobre la renta del año más reciente, primeras 2 páginas del formulario 1040 del IRS
- Explicaciones de los beneficios de pensión del trimestre o año más reciente

Una carta oficial de beneficios para el año en curso para los siguientes programas gubernamentales calificados:

- Programa de asistencia nutricional suplementaria - SNAP/Programa de asistencia alimentaria
- Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas - TANF/Programa de Independencia Familiar (FIP)
- Documentos de Medicare Parte D o Medicaid
- Declaración de beneficios del Seguro Social o de Seguridad de Ingreso Suplementario

- Mujeres, bebés y niños (WIC)
- Programa de asistencia energética para hogares de bajos ingresos (LIHEAP)
- Programa de autosuficiencia para personas de bajos ingresos (inscripción DTE LSP)
- Pago de asistencia estatal de energía para el alivio de emergencia
- Plan de salvamento del Departamento de Agua y Alcantarillado de Detroit (DWSD)
- Documentos de verificación de ingresos anuales del subsidio de vivienda, verificación anual vigente



Law Department

Conéctese con abogados gratuitos en su próximo caso de desalojo en el Tribunal del Distrito 36



Law Department

OBTENGA AYUDA ANTES DE IR AL TRIBUNAL

LÍNEA DE AYUDA PARA VIVIENDA DE DETROIT:

866-313-2520

www.michiganlegalhelp.org

Si tiene una discapacidad, solicite una adaptación en línea en:

www.36thdistrictcourt.org

Obtenga ayuda cuando vaya a la corte

La ley de derecho a un abogado de Detroit brinda a los inquilinos elegibles de bajos ingresos el derecho a representación legal gratuita.

Siempre solicite hablar con un abogado GRATUITO sobre derecho a un abogado en el comienzo de su audiencia de desalojo y antes de decir algo sobre su caso.

SI ASISTE A SU AUDIENCIA POR ZOOM:

- Si nunca ha usado Zoom, o si ha pasado un tiempo, intente una reunión de prueba de Zoom antes de su audiencia. **Puede ver videos para principiantes en <https://learn-zoom.us/show-me>.**
- El día de su cita judicial, inicie sesión en la audiencia de Zoom con la información que figura en su aviso judicial.
- Cuando el juez llame a su caso, **informe al juez que le gustaría hablar con un abogado de derecho gratuito sobre su caso en una sala de reuniones virtual**, si aún no ha hablado con un abogado de derecho o no tiene uno que lo represente.
- Antes de hablar con cualquier abogado, siempre pregunte si el abogado representa a su arrendador. **NO desea hablar con el abogado de su arrendador antes de hablar con su propio abogado de derecho gratuito.**

SI ASISTE A SU AUDIENCIA EN PERSONA:

- Regístrese en la sala del tribunal asignada e informe al personal de la sala que está aquí para su audiencia. **Es importante comprobarlo para que el juez no crea que usted no se presentó y dictará una sentencia en rebeldía en su contra.**
- Después de registrarse, solicite ir a la Sala 417 (4.º piso) o a la Sala 5A (5.º piso) para hablar con un abogado de derecho GRATUITO.
- Antes de hablar con cualquier abogado, siempre pregunte si el abogado representa a su arrendador. **NO desea hablar con el abogado de su arrendador antes de hablar con su propio abogado de derecho gratuito.**

الحق في المساعدة المجانية في الدفاع عن الإخلاء في محكمة المقاطعة 36!

ما هو قانون الحق في الاستعانة بمحام؟

في مدينة ديترويت، هناك قانون يسمى الحق في الاستعانة بمحام (Right-to-Counsel, RTC) يساعد الأشخاص الذين يستأجرون منازلهم ويواجهون الإخلاء. يمنح هذا القانون المستأجرين ذوي الدخل المنخفض الحق في الحصول على محام مجاني يمثلهم في المحكمة. لذلك اطلب دائماً التحدث إلى محام مجاني في بداية جلسة الإخلاء قبل أن تفوه أي شيء عن قضيتك!

ما هي أفضل طريقة للتواصل مع محامي الحق في الاستعانة بمحام مجاني؟

إذا كان لديك موعد محكمة قادم يتعلق بوضع المالك والمستأجر في محكمة المقاطعة 36، فيرجى حضور جلسة الاستماع. من المهم حضور جميع جلسات الاستماع الافتراضية وجلسات الاستماع الشخصية. سيكون محامونا المجانيون متواجدين لدعمك وإخبارك بالمزيد عن حقوقك بموجب قانون RTC.



من المؤهل للحصول على مساعدة قانونية مجانية في قضايا الإخلاء؟

تتوفر خدمات قانونية مجانية للأسر المستأجرة التي تواجه الإخلاء ولديها دخل إجمالي يصل إلى 200% من مستوى الفقر الفيدرالي.



■ برنامج مساعدة الطاقة المنزلية لمحدودي الدخل
(Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP)

■ برنامج الاكتفاء الذاتي منخفض الدخل
(تسجيل - DTE Low Income Self-Sufficiency Program, LSP)

■ دفع مساعدات الطاقة للإغاثة في حالات الطوارئ الحكومية

■ خطة الإنقاذ لإدارة المياه والصرف الصحي في ديترويت
(Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, DWSD)

■ مستندات التحقق من الدخل السنوي لدعم الإسكان،
والتحقق السنوي الحالي

■ خطاب مخصصات رسمي للعام الحالي للبرامج الحكومية المؤهلة التالية:

■ برنامج المساعدة الغذائية التكميلية - SNAP/برنامج المساعدة الغذائية

■ برنامج المساعدات المؤقتة للأسر المحتاجة - TANF/برنامج استقلال الأسرة (Family Independence Program, FIP)

■ مستندات الجزء D من برنامج Medicare أو Medicaid

■ بيان مخصصات دخل الضمان الاجتماعي أو الضمان التكميلي

■ برنامج خدمات المرأة والرضع والأطفال (Women, Infants, and Children, WIC)

لتحديد الأهلية، يرجى إحضار إحدى المستندات التالية معك إلى المحكمة:

■ كعوب شيكات الراتب التي لا تكون أقدم من 90 يوماً، أو نموذج W-2، أو نموذج 1099، أو كشوف الحسابات المصرفية التي توضح الدخل العادي، أو بيان صاحب العمل من العام الحالي

■ ضرائب الدخل الفيدرالية أو الحكومية من السنة الأخيرة، أول صفحتين من نموذج IRS 1040

■ تفسيرات استحقاقات التقاعد من الربع أو السنة الأخيرة



Law Department

WAYNE METRO'S HOUSING SERVICES



STEP 3
Meet with a Housing
Coach



STEP 2
Workshops



STEP 4
Take control of your
guided plan



STEP 1
Program Orientation



STEP 5
YOU DID IT!
You found your safe
haven, your comfort zone!

Wayne Metro provides comprehensive educational classes that cover topics such as budgeting and credit, landlord tenant rights, as well as the entire home buying process. You will gain access to industry experts in each of our classes and connect with resources to help you reach your ultimate goal.



**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR
HOUSING AND FINANCIAL
WORKSHOPS](#)**

For more information on classes and counseling available, visit www.waynemetro.org/housing



WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

MICHIGAN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) is a preventive program designed to provide energy assistance to low-income households so that they can reach energy self-sufficiency.

A household that qualifies for State Emergency Relief (SER) for heat or non-heat electricity services **also qualifies for additional energy services from MEAP through agencies that have received Michigan Department of Health & Human Services grant funding.**

PROGRAM BENEFITS



Enrollment in a home energy supplier affordable payment plan



Financial education and budget conversation



Energy education and conservation



Energy waste reduction services through home energy supplier programs



Ongoing case management services

ELIGIBILITY

- Must have approved and valid SER
- SER copay must be equal to or less than \$2,500

WAYNE METRO IS HERE TO HELP.

For assistance with the application or for more information about MEAP:

Call our Wayne Metro CONNECT Center at 313-388-9799, chat with us on our website: www.WayneMetro.org or email us at wmconnectcenter@waynemetrol.org



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: WWW.WAYNEMETRO.ORG/MEAP, OR

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Access to FREE Health and
Dental Services



Wayne Metropolitan
Community Action Agency
Established 1971

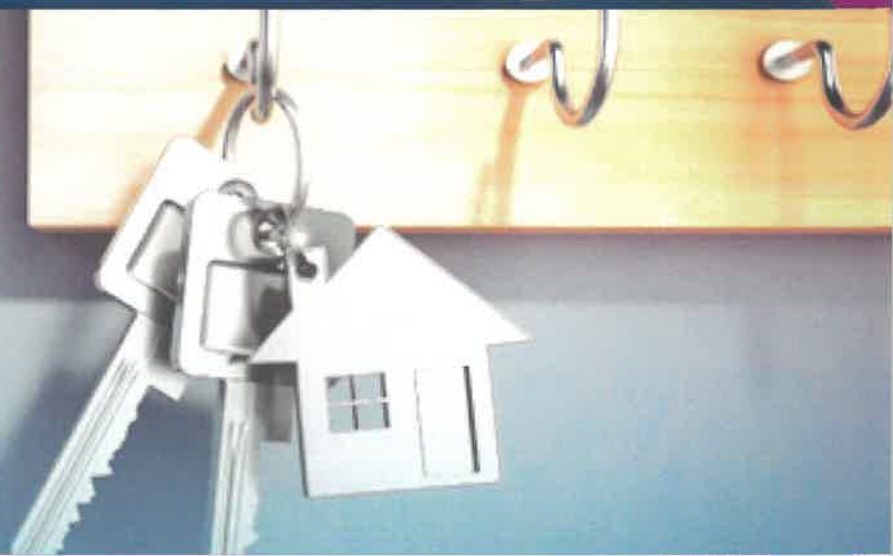




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MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



MICHIGAN HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND



If you're a homeowner in the State of Michigan and you experienced a financial or COVID-19 related hardship

ON OR AFTER JANUARY 21, 2020

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+ BENEFITS

- Up to \$25,000 in homeowner assistance
- Past due mortgage and/or property tax
- Past due land contract payments
- Past due mobile home payments
- Past due utility payments

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Current statement
- Valid ID
- 30 days of income
- Social Security Number



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To Visit www.WayneMetro.org/MiHAF



or call (313) 244-0274
to schedule an appointment

Appointments:

- in person
- phone
- virtual



LAKE SHORE LEGAL AID

Lakeshore provides free civil legal services to people with low income, seniors, and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

To speak with an attorney call our toll-free

COUNSEL & ADVOCACY LAW LINE

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or APPLY ONLINE AT www.lakeshorelegalaid.org

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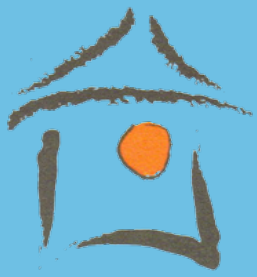
We are unable to help with criminal law or traffic-related issues.

Legal Aid is here to help you with your landlord / tenant case!

If your case is before Judge Evans, Brue, Kennedy, or Sabree come to room 417 on the 4th floor after you check in to the courtroom.

If your case is before Judge Sharpe or Jacque look for signs on the 5th floor to line up for assistance after you check in to the courtroom.





**United Community
Housing Coalition**



**Michigan
Legal
Services**

*Helping low-income residents stay in their homes
through legal representation, support and ownership.*

Everyone Deserves a Home

Our Programs

- Eviction Defense & Legal Services*
*free services are dependent on eligibility
- Housing Placement & Rental Assistance
- Tenant Organizing
- Homeownership Services
- Foreclosure Prevention

Need Help or Want to Learn More?

(313) 963-3310

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www.uchcdetroit.org

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Vendor Links and Summary of Services

1. **Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center (MI-Resolve)**

Website: [Services | WCDRC](#)

What We Do

At Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center, we provide highly trained and experienced mediators and facilitators to help resolve conflicts. Our process can open doors to communication for all parties involved to achieve a peaceful resolution. We also offer State Court approved training. Over the years, we've helped thousands of people solve problems and restore relations.

How Does the Process Work?

The process begins when disputing parties agree to participate. A Request to Mediate form would be filled out by one or both parties on our website, and sent along to our team. We will then choose the best mediator for your case, reach out to you for approval, and ask you to fill out our Consent to Mediate form to finalize the process.

2. **Department of Housing & Revitalization**

Website: <http://www.detroitmi.gov/HUD>

City of Detroit's Housing and Revitalization Department maintain traditional business hours and can be contacted at: Phone: 313.224.6380

If you are having a housing crisis or need emergency shelter, please call 866-313-2520. If you or someone you know is sleeping outside, please fill out [this form](#) to request a street outreach team to contact you.

3. **Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency**

Website: [About Us – Wayne Metro Community Action Agency](#)

Founded in 1971...

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving approximately 75,000 low-and moderate-income residents throughout Wayne County. We provide over 100 programs in the areas of Quality Housing, Family Stability and Economic Opportunities. Our services include financial capability education, homeownership workshops, housing counseling, financial counseling, utility assistance, Head Start, GED preparation, free tax preparation, foreclosure prevention and homeless services.

4. [Detroit Housing Commission](#) Housing Commission

Website: [Home | Detroit Housing Commission](#)

Welcome to the Detroit Housing Commission's ("DHC") website! This website includes information about our many housing programs and affordable housing developments, services to our customers, and contact information. We provide quality affordable housing in a safe living environment for low and moderate- income persons throughout the Detroit Metropolitan area. As the largest public housing agency in Michigan, we continue to be a catalyst for change. We are pleased with the transformation DHC has made over the last few years.

Rental Assistance

Customer Service Center

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

- 2211 Orleans, Detroit, MI 48207
- [313-877-8807](tel:313-877-8807)

5. [United Community Housing Coalition](#)

Website: [United Community Housing Coalition | homelessness prevention](#)

Who We Are

United Community Housing Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing housing assistance to Detroit's low-income residents. Since 1973, we have worked to keep people in their homes and secure affordable housing for those in need.

We believe that having a place to live is a basic human right, and are passionate about preserving this right in our communities. **Our services are provided to income-eligible families and individuals free of charge.**

6. [Lakeshore Legal Aid](#)

We're Here to Help

Lakeshore Legal Aid is a not-for-profit law firm providing a range of free civil legal services to people living with low income, older adults, and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities.

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- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9am to 5pm
 - Wednesday 9am to 6pm
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- Or [apply online](#) anytime.