

## NMLA Renter's Guide

The New Mexico Legal Aid has published a Renter's Guide to help tenants navigate the rental process. Renting a place to live presents many important questions and can have legal consequences. Landlords and tenants often suffer from inaccurate information. A lack of information, or the wrong information, may cause disputes that turn into eviction actions. When tenants do not have information about their rights, it hurts their ability to provide their families with a safe and secure place to live. This guide will:

- (1) provide information about the landlord-tenant relationship;
- (2) tell you about your rights in that relationship; and
- (3) help you avoid some of the problems that sometimes occur in renting houses or apartments.

Here are some highlights of the guide (These links take you to specific pages within the guide)

Obtaining Housing <http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org/?q=content/finding-place-live>

Deposits <http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org/?q=content/deposits>

Paying Rent <http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org/?q=content/paying-rent>

Your Obligations as a Tenant

<http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org/?q=content/obligations-landlords-and-tenants-safety-maintenance-and-repairs>

Landlord's obligations for safety and repairs

<http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org/?q=content/what-do-when-repairs-are-needed>

Eviction I think I may have been unfairly or illegally evicted.

<http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org/?q=content/moving-out-choice-or-court-ordered-eviction>

**The guide can be accessed in its entirety at this link**

<http://www.lawhelpnewmexico.org/?q=content/introduction>

New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc. (NMLA) is a civil legal advocacy organization dedicated to equal access to justice for all low-income people and communities throughout New Mexico. We provide help with civil legal issues through outreach, training, education, and quality representation.

NMLA's mission is to be the voice, defender and advocate for low-income people who are seeking justice in all forums, particularly in the communities where they live. NMLA is committed to help people living in poverty succeed in their struggles to obtain adequate food, shelter, safety and economic security, and to preserve their unique cultural heritages.

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