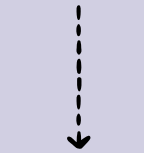


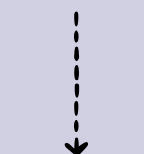


I have a written lease and the person harming me is not on it.



Make a written request to your housing provider

Explain that you are facing a credible threat of domestic or sexual violence.



Support the request

Include medical/court/police evidence or a statement from a victim service provider.

Safe Homes Act

2 PATHWAYS TO REQUESTING A LOCK CHANGE



I do not have a written lease OR the person harming me is on the written lease.



Make a written request to your housing provider

Explain that you are facing a credible threat of domestic or sexual violence.



Support the request

Include a copy of a plenary order of protection (civil or criminal) or a plenary civil no contact order



The Safe Homes Act **does not** apply to public housing.

Housing providers **can** charge a reasonable cost for a lock change.

Best Practices



Safety plan prior to making your request to determine the safest time for your housing provider to change the locks.

Always make the request in writing, and ask for confirmation that it was received.

Ask if your housing provider can waive the cost of the lock change.

Support your request with the least invasive evidence and ask your landlord to keep your information confidential.

If your housing provider does not change your locks in 48 hours, you can change the locks and give them a key.

