

# How do I end my lease under the Safe Homes Act?

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*There are 2 pathways to safety.*

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I am under a **credible threat** of domestic or sexual violence at my apartment.

I experienced sexual violence at my apartment.



Safety plan to consider any barriers to leaving and how you can plan around them.



There is no time limit for terminating your lease when you're under a credible threat.



Give your landlord written notice that you are terminating your lease 3 days before or after you leave.



Your statement on its own is enough. No additional documents are needed.



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The sexual violence occurred within 60 days (with some exceptions).



Give your landlord written notice that you are terminating your lease 3 days before or after you leave.



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



the boxes to keep yourself safe and covered under the Safe Homes Act



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ADVOCATING AGAINST  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

# Best Practices to Reaching Safety

**Provide the least invasive documentation and remind your housing provider to keep your information confidential. Instead of providing court, police, or medical records, victim service providers can work with you to support your request with a letter.**

**Make sure that your housing provider got your letter by confirming receipt.**

**Try to resolve all parts of your tenancy, including returning the keys, and stating where your security deposit can be returned.**

**If you have a housing subsidy, transfer it under the Violence Against Women Act.**

