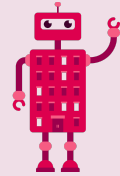


## Ask Renny, the Rentervention Robot

# What changed about the Covid-19 Eviction Moratorium for Illinois?

### Know your rights!

On November 14, 2020, protections for Illinois tenants were changed. Landlords can now file evictions, unless tenants give them a written declaration that they should be protected by the COVID Eviction Moratorium.



### How do I get a copy of the declaration?

Your landlord should give you a copy before they give you a new five day notice. If your landlord doesn't give it to you, you can make one at [Rentervention.com](https://rentervention.com) or go to [IHDA](https://ihda.org).

### What does the declaration say?

Tenants must swear that they:

1. fell behind on rent because of COVID,
2. expect to make less than \$99k this year (\$198k for couples),
3. used best efforts to make partial payments (considering other costs like food, medicine, transportation, utilities, school supplies, winter clothes, and child care), and
4. would become homeless or have to double-up if evicted.

### Are there any downsides to filling out a declaration?

You should not fill out a declaration if you cannot truthfully say everything in it. It is a crime to lie on a declaration signed under penalty of perjury. In addition, the declaration admits that you owe rent. A landlord may try to use that admission later in court.

### I already told my landlord I'm impacted by COVID. Is that good enough?

Probably not. The declaration has to say everything above and be signed under penalty of perjury. Give it to your landlord in a way you can prove: text, email, return receipt requested, or with a witness.



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