

RENTAL TIPS

Renting with Evictions



PULL YOUR CREDIT REPORT

Before you start your rental search, check your credit report for free at annualcreditreport.com or creditkarma.com. Only completed court evictions and past landlord debt are reported on credit reports.



COME UP WITH A PLAN

If you owe a balance to a previous landlord, consider paying it off or asking them if you can pay it off via a payment plan. Get a copy of that payment plan to show to potential landlords.



TRY PRIVATE LANDLORDS

Companies usually have rules that are hard to bend. A private landlord may be willing to be flexible with you if you can show them you will be a responsible renter.



BE HONEST

Most landlords are going to pull a credit report, which will show if you have an eviction within the past 7 years. Instead of paying the application fee first, have a conversation with the landlord about your eviction.



GET REFERENCES

If you have a past landlord you had a good relationship with, ask them to write a letter of reference to include with your application. If you don't have a good landlord reference, ask for a character reference from someone who can speak to your responsibility, timeliness and communication skills. A landlord's main concern is if you will pay rent--- show them you will!

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