



# Ending your lease because of harassment or violence at home

You can end your lease early if you are a victim of **domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or criminal harassment**, and you believe that you or your child's safety is at risk if your lease continues.

## How to end your lease

Give your landlord a Notice of Termination and one of the following documents that says you have been the subject of domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or criminal harassment:

1. An Emergency Intervention Order,
2. A court order, or
3. A Third-Party Declaration Form signed by a **third-party verifier**.



A **third-party verifier** is a:

- Peace Officer,
- Victim services coordinator,
- Domestic violence outreach worker,
- Crisis intervener
- Support worker,
- Teacher at your child's school,
- Indigenous chief or elder, or
- a health care professional.

If you have a **year-to-year** or **fixed term lease**, you must give your landlord these documents at least **1 month** before you plan to end your lease. Your landlord must receive them on or before the first day of that month.

There are no notice requirements for other types of leases.



A **year-to-year lease** is:

A lease that automatically renews every year until you or your landlord gives notice to end it.



A **fixed term lease** is:

A lease that has a start and end date.

For additional information on housing law, family violence, and getting help in your area, visit [legalinfonb.ca](http://legalinfonb.ca)



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