



Do you need help getting someone out of your home or out of a rental that is on your home property? If so, call Legal Services for the Elderly at 1-800-750-5353.

Are you thinking about renting out part of your home to bring in some extra money? Are you thinking about letting a family member or friend stay with you for a few nights? Here are some things to consider:

- Letting someone stay in your home for just a day or two could make them a tenant and allow them to refuse to leave.
- If someone staying with you (even a friend or family member) refuses to leave when you ask you may need to go through the eviction process to get them out, which could take weeks or months (and they may have the right to live in your home during the process).
- If someone staying in your home refuses to leave, law enforcement may not get involved to help remove them from your property.
- Tenants in Maine have rights and protections even if they are behaving badly and landlords must strictly follow the law in order to evict a tenant. The Maine Attorney General's Consumer Law Guide has more information about tenant rights and can be found here:
http://www.maine.gov/ag/consumer/law_guide_article.shtml?id=27933
- Think about having your tenant sign a lease. The Maine Attorney General has a model lease that can be found here:
https://www.maine.gov/ag/consumer/law_guide_article.shtml?id=27935
or seek the advice of a Maine attorney.
- If you want to rent your property talk to a lawyer first. Call Legal Services for the Elderly at 1-800-750-5353.
- If you have multi-unit rental property or a rental that is not on your home property, please call the Maine State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service for assistance at 1-800-860-1460.