

20 Facts every tenant in Brooklyn should know

- 1 What is the minimum number of apartments for a building to be rent stabilized? **6 apartments**
- 2 When must landlords provide heat to apartments? **Between October 1st and March 31st**
- 3 When does the rent increase cycle begin and end? **October 1 - September 30 each year**
- 4 What is the current maximum percentage increase in a one year rent stabilized lease? **1.5%**
- 5 What is the current maximum percentage increase in a 2 year rent stabilized lease? **2.5%**
- 6 How many days before the expiration of a lease must the landlord give you a new lease? **Between 90 and 150 days**
- 7 If the landlord doesn't do repairs, you can call the department of Housing, HPD # 311
- 8 What is the name of the tenant lawsuit to win repairs? **Housing Part (HP) Action**
- 9 How frequently must a landlord fumigate (exterminate) the apartment? **Every Month**
- 10 How frequently must the landlord paint the apartment? **Every 3 years**
- 11 How many hours a day must the landlord provide heat? **24 hours**
- 12 At what temperature must the inside of the apartment be during the day? **68 degrees**
- 13 At night, when the temperature outside is less than 40 degrees, what temperature must the inside of the apartment be? **55 degrees**
- 14 Two City institutions where tenants can make a complaint for lack or repairs: **a) HDP b) Civil Court**
- 15 In order to enter to do repairs the landlord must give you how much advance notice? **24 hours**
- 16 What telephone number should you call to see if your apartment is regulated and to get a rental history? **718-739-6400**
- 17 Legally, who can evict a tenant? **Only the City Marshal or City Sheriff**
- 18 If the landlord doesn't want to return the security deposit, which court should you bring it to? **Small Claims Court**
- 19 What is the address of housing court in Brooklyn? **141 Livingston St. in Downtown Brooklyn**
- 20 The violations of housing code are separated by violations A, B and C. Which is the most dangerous? **C violations**
According to the law, how quickly must they be repaired? **Within 24 hours**

If you are experiencing tenant harassment or need legal housing, legal or organizing resources

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