

## **Notification of Guest Rights**

1. Print out the letter
  
2. Fill out the enclosed letter. If you need help filling out the letter, call HOME Line @ 612-728-5767 in the metro area or 866-866-3546 if you are long distance, and a tenant advocate will be happy to help you fill out the information.
  
3. Make sure the letter is signed and dated.
  
4. Make a copy of the letter. Keep it for your personal file.
  
5. Send the original request by first class mail (regular 39 cents) to the landlord or property owner (whoever you pay rent to or is named on the lease).
  
6. If the landlord or property owner fails to respect your right to have guests and/or retaliates against you, call HOME Line back and a tenant advocate will discuss other options.

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TO: \_\_\_\_\_ (Landlord's Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Street)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (City, Zip Code)

I, (tenant's name) \_\_\_\_\_, am writing to inform you of my rights as a tenant to have guests visit my premises. Please note that tenants have the right to have guests. In State v. Hoyt 304 N.W. 2d 884 (Minn. 1981), the Minnesota Supreme Court clearly adopted the rule that a tenant has a right to give guests a license to visit, and the landlord has no right to deny or interfere with this license. In summary, if I want to have a visitor/guest, that guest has a "claim of right" to visit me, to take a direct route to my door, to socialize with me in my residence, and to socialize with me in the common areas that I myself can visit.

Please take notice when I have guests such as friends and family, I have granted a license allowing them to do so. A license includes all steps involved in making these visits, including but not limited to walking to the entrance of the complex, standing in the entryway awaiting entry, walking to my residence, and walking with me, and socializing with me as I or we use the facilities.

Please consider this my formal assertion of my legal right to have guests. This means that if you take any action against me, I will rely on Minnesota Statute §504B.285 and §504B.441, which protect me from retaliation.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Tenant)