

Retaliation Notice Instructions

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 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 continues to retaliate against you, call HOME Line back and a tenant advocate will discuss other options.

NOTICE OF RETALIATION

TO: _____ (Landlord's name)

_____ (Street address)
_____ (City, State, and Zip Code)

From: _____ (Tenant's name)

_____ (Street address, Apartment number)
_____ (City, State, and Zip Code)

I am writing to inform you that Minnesota tenants may not be retaliated against. Your notice of _____ (type of notice given by landlord, i.e. rent increase) is retaliatory based on my following actions:

Please be informed that Minnesota Statutes § 504B.285, subd. 3, and § 504B.441 provide that:

A residential tenant may not be evicted, nor may the tenant's obligations under the lease be increased (such as a rent increase), nor the services decreased if it's intended to be a penalty for the tenant's assertion of legal rights under the lease or law.

The landlord has the burden to prove the notice was not retaliatory if it is delivered within 90 days of the tenant's assertion of rights.

Your notice is in violation of these statutes. Please rescind the notice within fourteen days. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Signature of Tenant

Date