

Somerville District Court

Housing Assistance and Court Resources

CALL 2-1-1 for assistance.

Rental & Mortgage Assistance Programs for Tenants and Landlords

Metro Housing Boston:

Contact: 617-859-0400

Website: www.metrohousingboston.org

On line application: <https://www.metrohousingboston.org/what-we-do/rental-relief-and-eviction-prevention>

State Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance:

Renters and homeowners who are struggling to make housing payments are encouraged to apply for emergency assistance. You may be eligible for assistance to pay overdue or upcoming rent or mortgage payments, or other housing costs.

APPLY IMMEDIATELY. Due to unprecedented need during COVID-19, application processing can take several weeks and funds are not guaranteed.

For more information visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/CovidHousingHelp> or call 2-1-1 for assistance.

Somerville Homeless Coalition (617) 623-6111 – Rapid Response Program

<https://somervillehomelesscoalition.org/rapid-response/> (link to on-line application)

Community Action Agency of Somerville (617) 623-7370 and atienken@caasomerville.org

Somerville Office of Housing Stability 617-625-6600 Ext. 2581 or

www.somervillema.gov/ohs - submit a simple referral for assistance

Mediation

Mediation Works, Inc.

Contact: Josh Hoch 617-973-9739

Legal Assistance

For Medford tenants (who meet income eligibility)

Greater Boston Legal Services: (617) 603-2700

For Somerville tenants (who meet income eligibility)

Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services: (617) 603-2700 or intake line at (617) 603-1700

De Novo Center for Justice and Healing: (617) 661-1010

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau: (617) 495-4408

Legal Assistance for Landlords: Volunteers Lawyer Project

Contact: 617-603-1700; <https://vlpnet.org/get-help>

Court Resources and Forms

Interpreter services: 617-788-8485

Court Service Centers:

<https://www.mass.gov/alerts/important-update-about-court-service-centers#1479076>

Summary Process (eviction) Complaint (sample form):

<https://www.mass.gov/media/966821/download>

Plaintiff's Affidavit of Compliance with Chapter 257, as amended by St. 2021, c. 20:

<https://courtforms.jud.state.ma.us/publicforms/TC0012>

Answer to Complaint: <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/housing/lt1-booklet-3-answer.pdf>

Discovery: <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/housing/lt1-booklet-4-discovery.pdf>