

## **Southern Berkshire District Court**

Housing Assistance and Court Resources

**CALL 2-1-1** for assistance.

### **Rental Assistance Programs for Tenants and Landlords**

Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority

Contact: 413-443-7138; Website: <https://bcrha.com>

#### **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.

### **Legal Assistance, Mediation Programs, and Additional Information**

Community Legal Aid

Contact: (800) 649-3718; Website: <https://communitylegal.org>

Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority-Housing Services and Mediation Program

Contact: 413-443-7138; Website: <https://bcrha.com/dispute-resolutionmediation-program/>

Legal Assistance for Landlords: Volunteers Lawyer Project

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

MassLandlords: Helpline: 774-314-1896; Website: <https://masslandlords.net/laws/covid-19-coronavirus-landlord-tenant-laws-and-regulations>

## **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>