

Notice to end lease due to fear of violence (Minn. Stat. § 504B.206)

Date: _____

Dear Landlord:

Minnesota law (Minn. Stat. § 504B.206) lets me break my lease because I, or another person authorized to live in my home, fear imminent violence because of an incident of domestic abuse, harassment, or criminal sexual conduct. This is my notice that I am breaking my lease because of fear that I or another person authorized to live in my home will become the victim of domestic or sexual violence again if I do not move.

I want to end my lease early on:

_____.
(Date –this may be any date before the end of your lease)

I am attaching a copy of the *(check one)*:

- ☐ Order for Protection (OFP)
- ☐ No Contact Order
- ☐ Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO)
- ☐ Documentation from a Court Official or Law Enforcement Official
- ☐ Documentation from a qualified third party-- licensed health care professional, domestic abuse advocate, or sexual assault counselor

If any of my property is left behind after I move *(check one)*:

- ☐ You may get rid of my property right away
- ☐ Please store my property for 28 days and I will be responsible under the MN law 504B.271 for storage fees.

I understand that my security deposit will not be returned to me in exchange for me being able to break my lease early due to imminent fear.

I request that you do not give the information in this letter or the attached document to anyone, especially not my abuser, as required by Minn. Stat. § 504B.206. If you provide my information to anyone, I reserve the right to seek civil damages of \$2,000 as provided by law.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

[Keep a copy of this letter and the document you attached for your records]