



Eviction Protections for Victim/Survivors of Domestic or Sexual Violence

Minnesota law and the Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") provide eviction protection for tenants who are victim/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. VAWA applies only to federally funded properties, such as public housing, Section 8 housing, Section 42 tax credit housing, etc.

The legal protections for victim/survivors of domestic or sexual violence and stalking do not necessarily prevent a landlord from filing an eviction. Rather, these protections can offer a tenant a legal defense to an eviction action. (Note: if the tenant is being evicted for nonpayment of rent or remaining in the property after proper notice of lease termination has been given (holdover), or other reasons not related to domestic or sexual violence, these legal protections may not prevent eviction.) If you are working with victim/survivors who are facing eviction, contact Standpoint and we will review the case to assess for possible defenses.

For more detailed information, contact us or see our handout: https://www.standpointmn.org/s/DV_SV-Eviction-Defense.pdf.

Standpoint's Housing Team Accolades!

Meet Standpoint's Housing Team



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Standpoint's housing advocate, Raelene Caswell, was awarded the Minnesota Justice Foundation's Outstanding Service - Advocate Award for 2022! The Minnesota Justice Foundation's Outstanding Service Awards recognize people who have demonstrated a commitment to public interest legal work. We are thrilled that Raelene's hard work and dedication to victim/survivors was recognized this way! Standpoint is lucky to have Raelene, and I am personally honored to be able to do this work with her.

Congratulations, Raelene! -Ann



Training Opportunities

Standpoint's housing team offers training on landlord/tenant issues. We are happy to develop a training to meet the needs of your organization. And we will come to you!

Request a training here: <https://www.standpointmn.org/housing-program-trainings>.