

INADEQUATE LIVING CONDITIONS

If you think the conditions of your rental unit are in violation of housing, health, or safety codes follow the steps below.

1. Contact the Landlord **FIRST**

- Call the landlord. This gives the landlord an opportunity to fix the problem. In addition, calling first may help to keep a good tenant-landlord relationship (a phone call is less formal than a written notice).
- Give the landlord a written notice if the phone call does not resolve the problem. The notice should explain the problem and request that the landlord take action to correct it. Keep a signed and dated copy.

2. Call the Housing Inspection Office. The city housing inspector is responsible for investigating health and safety violations.

Housing Inspection Office:

Iowa City.....(319) 356-5130
Coralville.....(319) 351-2448

Tenants have Rights

If a tenant files a complaint against a rental unit or property, [Iowa Tenant Landlord Law](#) protects tenants from landlord retaliation such as increased rents or eviction. Contact Student Legal Services at 319-335-3276 for more information on this issue.

DISCLAIMER

Information provided on this web site pertaining to tenant/landlord issues and procedures is general information about Iowa Tenant/Landlord Law. ([See Chapter 562A Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Law](#)) The information pertains to Iowa law. If you are viewing this site from another state you should be aware that this area of law may differ from state to state.

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