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TENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

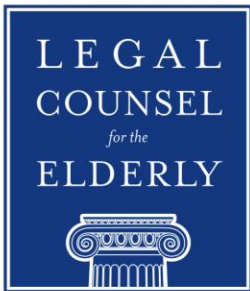
- Pay the correct amount of rent on time each month as set forth in your lease agreement
- Comply with the rules set forth in your lease
- Prevent criminal activity from happening in your apartment, building, common areas, or grounds
- Keep your unit clean and free of garbage and waste
- Maintain your unit and common areas in the same general physical condition as when you moved in
- Report any housing code violations to your landlord (e.g., water damaged walls)
- **If you receive a subsidy:**
 - Provide accurate information to your landlord or the housing authority at the recertification interview that sets your rent payment
 - Report changes in your household's size or income to your landlord or housing authority
 - Pay your utilities

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LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Keep your unit and common areas in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, including free of rodents and pests
- Not interfere with right to organize a tenant association
- Not retaliate against tenants for exercising any tenant right (e.g., asking for repairs)
- Only evict you for one of 10 specific reasons set forth in the Rental Housing Act (e.g., can't evict you because your lease "expires" or because the building is foreclosed upon)
- **If your unit is rent-controlled (e.g., not subsidized):**
Generally, can't raise the rent:
 - Unless the landlord is licensed and registered
 - Unless the building substantially complies with the housing code
 - More than once every 12 months &
 - By more than:
 - The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for an elderly/disabled tenant
 - The CPI + 2% for all other tenants

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