

Legal Resources - Housing

Name	Contact	Description	Website
Community Legal Services and Counseling Center	(617) 661-1010 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm	Offers legal assistance to Cambridge residents who are homeless/ at risk of becoming homeless and tenants in subsidized housing. They provide free legal services to low income residents in cases involving eviction, access to public housing, subsidized housing terminations, substandard housing conditions, housing discrimination, illegal lockouts, or conversion of rental units into condos. Legal services include representation in court and at hearings, and advice before an eviction case has started.	http://www.clsacc.org/housing.html
Community Law Center of Harvard Law School	Maureen E. McDonagh, Director of Housing Clinic (617) 390-2542 email: mcdonagh@law.harvard.edu	The Clinic provides multifaceted representation for individuals facing eviction following foreclosure, counsels and represents individual tenants in this situation. Clients are referred to the Clinic through its referral partners, individuals are only eligible for legal services if referred.	http://www.legalservicescenter.org/get-legal-help/post-foreclosure- eviction- defensehousing-law-unit/
Greater Boston Legal Services	Boston: (617) 371- 1234 Cambridge: (617) 603- 2700	Provides legal help for low income individuals in order to have the basic necessities of life, housing included. GBLS staff provide free civil legal assistance to those who qualify (earning up to 125% of the poverty level, \$31,375 for a family of 4 in 2018, or up to 200% in limited circumstances in the towns the organization services. GBLS helps with eviction defense, foreclosure prevention, subsidy preservation and tenant rights. They represent clients in court, at appeals, & in hearings before administrative law judges; also able to help with paperwork, give legal advice to clients.	https://www.gbls.org/what-we-do
Mass Law Reform Institute	(617) 357-0700 email: info@mlri.org	<i>Referral resource only. Does NOT provide legal representation to individual clients, but does have some resources and information.</i> Housing advocacy focuses on improving the rights of low-income renters, promoting equitable development and preventing displacement of residents in communities undergoing development, fair housing policies, ensuring access to the court system by low income tenants and landlords.	https://www.mlri.org/advocacy-issue/housing/
Metrowest Legal Services	Phone: (508) 620- 1830 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm	Housing Unit provides representation for eviction defense, appeals for subsidized housing for those denied admission, and homeowners facing foreclosure. Priority goes to people in low income housing or with housing subsidies. Also has a pro se housing clinic on Mondays from 9:30 am-12:30 pm for tenants facing eviction- must register in advance to attend clinic.	https://www.mwlegal.org/work/housing
Tenant Advocacy Project at Harvard	Phone: (617) 495- 4394 email: tap@law.harvard.edu	TAP student attorneys provide free legal advice and representation for tenants at hearings. If you need legal assistance, must contact them initially on the phone. They do not take walk ins. They help current and applicant public housing tenants, Section 5 MVRP vouchers recipients or applicants, and tenants seeking advice on issues with a landlord. TAP does not provide representation in court.	https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/tap/types-of-cases-and-service-area/

Victim's Rights Law Center	Phone : (617) 339-6720 x 19 will connect to an attorney in the Boston office	VRLC attorneys provide legal assistance to individual survivors of rape or sexual assault with housing needs related to the rape or assault, which could include transfer to a safer facility, request a safety priority in housing, or terminating a lease early.	https://www.victimrights.org/housing
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