

Know Your Rights



It is **YOUR RIGHT TO LIVE IN A BUILDING THAT IS IN GOOD REPAIR** and does not pose threat to your life or safety.



It is **YOUR LANDLORD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THE CONDITIONS OF YOUR APARTMENT**, building and the surrounding grounds.



When the landlord fails to do so and allows buildings to fall into disrepair, it is **A TENANT'S RIGHT TO STOP RENT PAYMENTS** and seek a rent reduction.



Tenants also have **THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE** when issues in buildings go unaddressed.



RETALIATION by a landlord in response to tenant organizing **IS AGAINST THE LAW.**

A History of Struggle

All of the rights and protections that we have as tenants today were not given to us, but were won through persistent tenant struggle over time.

This struggle has continued into today, and resulted and in more rights and protections. For example:

Right to Counsel - a 3-year battle led NYC to be the first place in the country that guarantees counsel to tenants facing eviction.

Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act - last year tenants and advocates from across New York State pressured electeds to create permanent protections for tenants in rent-stabilized units.

Inwood Rezoning Reversal - In December, the courts overturned Mayor De Blasio's plan to rezone Inwood that would have allowed for mass mixed-use development. Tenants won on the basis that the city had under-calculated the displacement effect it would have on working-class and Black and Brown tenants.

The legacy, including recent wins, proves that when tenants pull together to fight, they win!

