

# DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS YOU ARE PROTECTED

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## FROM EVICTION & FORECLOSURE

Landlords cannot evict or threaten to evict their tenants. Mortgage companies cannot foreclose on homeowners. During this crisis, your home is secure.

## FROM DEBT COLLECTION

Harassment from debt collectors is prohibited. They cannot come to your home or workplace, file lawsuits against you, repossess your car, or garnish your wages.

## FROM UTILITY SHUTOFFS

Utilities are prohibited from shutting off your gas or electricity. You should be able to keep your lights on and hot water running.

## FROM PRICE GOUGING

Businesses cannot charge inflated prices on common goods and critical items like masks, hand sanitizer and gloves.

## FROM DISCRIMINATION

You cannot be discriminated against because of your race, ethnicity, national origin, disability or other protected category in housing or when seeking health care.

## WHEN SEEKING HEALTH CARE

If you feel sick, seek health care. Insurance covers COVID-19 testing and treatment. For immigrants not eligible for public health insurance programs, MassHealth Limited will cover the cost.



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# YOU COULD QUALIFY FOR

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## CASH ASSISTANCE

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act), provides one-time cash payments of \$1,200 for individuals, \$2,400 for couples, and \$500 per child for anyone who files taxes with a social security number. Other benefits, including SNAP (food stamps), TAFDC (welfare for families with children), and WIC may be available through the Departments of Transitional Assistance and Public Health.

## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

You may apply for unemployment benefits if you lose your job and are authorized to work in the United States. File a claim with the Division of Unemployment Assistance.

## EARNED SICK TIME

Under Massachusetts law, workers are eligible for benefits from their employers, including earned sick time, regardless of their immigration status. Additional sick leave and paid family leave may be available through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

## HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Uninsured residents may qualify for coverage through the Health Connector's extended open enrollment period.

## ASSISTANCE FROM NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

MassUndocuFund, mutual aid organizations, and worker organizations are providing small cash grants for undocumented people and others who might not be eligible for other assistance. Jobs with Justice has more information.



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