



FAQ Coronavirus and rent

Question: What should you do if you can't pay your rent because of the coronavirus?

Inform your landlord immediately. At present the landlord is not permitted to terminate your tenancy without notice owing to overdue rent up to and including the end of June 2020. However, the rent arrears must be paid by June 2022 plus a basic interest rate of approx. 5%.

What you can also do:

You should contact your local JobCenter and see whether you are entitled to benefits in accordance with the Social Security Code. You will no longer be asked about your assets, unless they are very large. It also doesn't matter how expensive your home is. In any case the current rent will be paid for a period of six months, or if you are buying the property also the liabilities you have to the banks.

If your income is above the threshold, you can also apply for a housing allowance. A generous decision should also be reached here.

In any case you should inform your landlord so that he can be certain that he will receive the rent.

If you have rented a shop, restaurant etc., which is not permitted to open at present, you should pay the rent with reservations.

Question: Does the landlord have a right to inspect the property, possibly with future tenants?

First of all, the distancing rules and hygiene requirements must also be complied with in the property. General viewings which are not absolutely necessary should be postponed.

Question: Does a tenant have to let tradesmen into the property?

We advise that urgently required repairs should be allowed to be carried out under compliance with the prescribed rules on social distancing and hygiene.

We recommend that tenants who belong to one of the high-risk groups should contact their landlord so that the latter postpones any modernisation work for example.