



California Tenants -- Letter if you are a tenant whose landlord is improperly entering home

Instructions:

1. [Click here to open a Microsoft Word version of this sample letter.](#)
2. The Microsoft Word-version will have the same blank spaces as this version, but will not have the comments in the margin. Fill out the blanks in the Microsoft Word-version using the comments on the margins of this version as a guide.
3. This sample letter is intended to be used if you are a tenant whose landlord is improperly entering into your home.
4. Please note that you should **tailor this letter to the facts in your case**. This template is **not a substitute for legal advice**. If you need help finding a tenant attorney, please see the [Tenants Together Directory](#).
5. Once filled out with your information, keep a copy for your records.

Sent via Certified Mail- Return Receipt Requested

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Comment [AI1]: Date

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Comment [AI2]: Full name of landlord and/or property manager

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Comment [AI3]: Address of landlord and/or property manager

Dear (),

Comment [AI4]: Full name of landlord and/or property manager

I () am a tenant at (). I am writing to remind you of your obligation to refrain from entering my home unless you fully comply with *California Civil Code* §1954. It has come to my attention that you may have violated the rules regarding improper entry as well as my right to privacy.

Comment [AI5]: Tenant's Name(s)

Comment [AI6]: Address, City, State, ZIP

The reason for my concern is

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Comment [AI7]: describe each instance of improper entry into your home

California Civil Code §1954 requires that you provide me with at least 24-hours written notice prior to entering my home. Entry is only allowed for certain reasons, such as to make necessary repairs or in case of an emergency. Your notice should include the date, approximate time, and purpose for your entry.

Entry in violation of *California Civil Code §1954* is a trespass. Additionally, the law provides that a “landlord may not abuse the right of access or use it to harass the tenant.” *California Civil Code §1954(c)*. *

Please comply with your obligations and provide me with adequate notice prior to entering my home.

Sincerely,

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Comment [A18]: Your signature

Comment [A19]: Your full name