

Case Studies

1. George and his children have been living in an apartment for 3 months. He is doing fairly well as a single dad. The children are in school and look well fed and happy. George has recently moved a woman into the apartment. They often have lots of people over and make noise. George does not work as he has a VA pension. The landlord is irate. He thinks if George doesn't work he shouldn't be entertaining, at least in his housing. He wants him out.
2. Elaine lives in your housing and seems to be having a hard time. She reports people are breaking into her room and stealing her things. She has duct tape on the windows and has installed additional locks on her door. She recently has filed a complaint with the buildings department which did not make the landlord happy. She is working with a psychiatrist but has not given you permission to talk to her. She just reported the landlord to the police.
3. June is in an apartment and has a homecare attendant for assistance. The landlord often helps her with small tasks such as changing lightbulbs and checks in with her often. The last time she found June and the homemaker drinking beers and watching Jerry Springer. He called you and says he is calling the homecare agency and having the worker removed.
4. Peter is three months behind on the rent. The landlord tells you he knows that Pete has suffered and he did not want to push him. He figured he would catch up. He has not. Now the landlord tells you that he has 5 days to pay the rent or leave.
5. Phil likes the landlord and often talks to him. He told him of his struggles with drugs and his pride in staying sober. Phil has slipped and he told his landlord that as well. He is doing a lot of meth and predictably is causing issues in the housing. He is up all times at night, brings friends in and is once again late with rent. The landlord wants to talk about the3 drugs and demands you get him into detox. Phil is not interested.