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Renting/Tenant Rights

Topsham, like the majority of Maine communities, does not enforce a Housing Code or a Property Maintenance Code and therefore has no jurisdiction over most general complaints related to rental properties such as building maintenance, grounds clutter, noisy neighbors, security deposits, pets, etc. Our Maine statutes set forth many specific rights and obligations for persons who rent apartments or homes. You are protected from unfair evictions, unreasonable discrimination, unsafe housing, unreasonable refusals to return your security deposit, and other abuses during your time as a tenant. Of course, tenants must also act within the law and not abuse the legal rights of landlords. Information regarding your rights can be found at the State Attorney General's website in chapter 14 (Consumer Rights When You Rent an Apartment) of the [Consumer Law Guide](#). If you feel your landlord is treating you unfairly you should see an attorney about your complaint. Free legal help may be available for people with low incomes through [Pine Tree Legal Assistance](#). This group also publishes some great information on [Renting/Tenant Rights](#) in their Legal Help section. This information is intended to be a guide concerning general type complaints only. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Pine Tree Legal Portland Office: www.ptla.org

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