

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BET TZEDEK LEGAL CLINIC

1. Who can come to the legal clinic?

- The Bet Tzedek Legal Clinic serves low-income Beverly Hills residents who are either (a) 60 years old and above or (b) tenants facing a housing issues.

2. Do I need an appointment?

- No. This is a walk-in clinic, which means you do not need to make an appointment.
- If you are eligible for Bet Tzedek's free legal services (see #1), you can also access our services by calling us at (323) 939-0506 ext: 499 or by emailing us at beverlyhillprograms@bettzedek.org.

3. What types of legal issues can I get help with?

- If you are a residential tenant living in Beverly Hills, we can help you defend against an eviction case, advocate against termination of your Section 8 voucher, or advise you on other tenant-side housing issues.
- If you are a senior living in Beverly Hills, we can also help with denials or public benefits, basic advance planning services (such as preparing a Power of Attorney or Advance Health Care Directive), and potentially other civil legal issues. If Bet Tzedek is unable to provide the legal help you are looking for, we will try to give you referrals to other resources. Bet Tzedek does not assist with criminal law matters.

4. What documents should I bring?

- You should bring any and all documents you feel are relevant to your legal issue. For example, if you receive a notice denying or reducing a public benefit you have applied for, you should bring a copy of the notice.

If you are facing an eviction, please bring the following documents:

- Your unlawful detainer (eviction) Summons and Complaints, together with all the pieces of paper attached to them.
- Any other court papers you have from your eviction case, including any documents you received from the court, the landlord or the property manager, and any documents you filed with the court.
- Any notices you received from your landlord or property manager.
- Your lease (if any).
- Documents you have sent to the landlord about your inability to pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic (if any).
- Documents showing the rent you have paid and/or any rental assistance you or your landlord has received (if any).
- Documents showing any poor housing conditions in your unit (if any).

5. What can I expect at the legal clinic?

- You will meet with a legal advocate from Bet Tzedek, who will ask you questions to determine your eligibility for free legal services. If you are eligible, the advocate will also ask you about your legal issue to determine if it is one that Bet Tzedek can assist with.
- If time allows, the legal advocate will provide you with information or advice at the clinic. If more time is needed, Bet Tzedek will follow up with you outside the clinic.