

\_\_\_\_\_ [date]

\_\_\_\_\_ [name of landlord]

\_\_\_\_\_ [landlord street address]

\_\_\_\_\_ [landlord town/city, state, zip code]

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ [landlord name]:

I am writing about the apartment/house I rent from you at \_\_\_\_\_ [your address].

On or about \_\_\_\_\_ [date you were locked out], you and your agents excluded me from the rental by:

- locking me out and/or
- calling the Sheriff to have me removed and/or
- other:

\_\_\_\_\_

You have no court order or Writ of Restitution permitting these actions.

The Residential Landlord-Tenant act, Ch. 59.18 RCW, and the unlawful detainer statute, Ch. 59.12 RCW make self-help evictions illegal. Your conduct violates the law.

Please note:

- I have not abandoned the place.
- I have no intention of abandoning the place.

I have been denied access to my residence since \_\_\_\_\_ [date]. I am worried that you have allowed unauthorized people to enter the place and remove my things. I will consider you responsible for any loss or damage to my property that occurs before you return it.

Please consider this letter a demand upon you to restore immediate possession of the residence to me. Please call at once at \_\_\_\_\_ [your phone number] so we can work out how you will get the new key to me.

If you do not give me immediate access to the apartment/house, I will seek assistance from the County Sheriff and/or the Superior Court to get back possession of the apartment/house.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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