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# Top tips for renters served with eviction notices

1. **Gather all relevant documents**. Ideally you should have your tenancy agreement, inventory, receipts of rent paid and any correspondence with your landlord.

2. **Is your notice valid?** If not, you may be able to challenge the eviction notice which may delay the eviction or stop your eviction. A simple mistake such as your address or name on the notice can help you challenge the notice. Notices will depend on your tenancy type - please contact your local Citizens Advice if you are not sure about your tenancy type.
   See here for more information:
   https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/renting-privately/during-your-tenancy/if-you-get-a-section-21-notice/#h-check-your-section-21-notice-is-valid

3. **No court order means no eviction** - if your landlord tries to evict you without a court order, this will be a criminal offence unless exceptions, such as lodgers, apply.

4. **Remember to keep paying your rent** until your landlord has obtained a court order. If your eviction was halted during the coronavirus lockdown, your landlord must serve a 'reactivation notice' on you and the court to restart proceedings.

5. **If you are at risk from homelessness please seek help** at your local Citizens Advice and other housing charities for further help.

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