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Some Incidents give rise for	Provide proper notice of intent to evict.	Read the notice. Certain reasons
eviction.	Michigan Statutes 600.5716, 600.5718	for eviction can be cured (e.g.,
Michigan Statute 600.5714	Forms DC 100a, DC 100c (from the court)	nonpayment of rent can be cured by
		paying the rent). Certain other
24-HOUR NOTICE is required for	The notice MUST:	reasons cannot be cured, and the
the following reason:	a) Be in writing;	tenant must move out (e.g., breach
a) Illegal drug activity and formal	b) Be addressed to the tenant;	of lease, illegal drug activity).
police report filed (lease provision	c) Describe the rental property (address is	Otherwise, you may be sued.
must allow	sufficient);	
for termination).	d) Give reason for eviction;	Recommendation: Contact the
	e) State the time for the tenant to take	landlord to peacefully discuss his or
7-DAY NOTICE is required for	remedial action;	her reasons for eviction. Try to work
the following reasons:	f) Include the landlord's signature; and	things out to remain in the rental
a) Nonpayment of rent;	g) Include date.	property.
b) Extensive and continuing physical		
injury to property	The notice MUST be delivered	
c) Serious and continuing health	a) In person to the tenant, OR	
hazard	b) At the rental property, to a member of	
30-DAY NOTICE is required for	tenant's household—of suitable age—	
the following reasons:	requesting that it be delivered to the tenant,	
a) Violation of a lease provision and	OR	
the lease allows for termination;	c) By sending it through first class mail	
b) Forceful entry OR peaceful entry,	addressed to the tenant, OR	
but forceful stay OR trespass;	d) By electronic service if the tenant has	
c) Holding over after natural	specifically consented to electronic service in	
expiration of lease term;	writing, and if the consent or confirmation of	
d) Just cause for terminating tenant	the consent has been sent by one party and	
of mobile home park;	affirmatively replied to by the other party via	
e) Just cause for terminating tenant	electronic submission.	
of government subsidized housing.		

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BEGIN THE LAWSUIT: After the time period in the notice has expired—either 7 or 30 days—if things cannot be worked out: The landlord will file with the district court and serve on the tenant a Summons and Complaint. Michigan Statute 600.5735	The Summons. The Summons Commands the tenant to appear at the court for trial. Michigan Court Rule 4.201(C) Form DC 104 (from the court) The Complaint. The Complaint gives further notice of the cause of action, or grounds, for the eviction. The landlord MUST attach the following a) A copy of the lease; AND b) A copy of the notice of intent to evict – stating when and how it was delivered Michigan Court Rule 4.20 (B) Forms DC 102a, DC 102c (from the court) The Summons and Complaint MUST be delivered (and proof of how and when they were delivered must be filed with the court) to the tenant BY MAIL AND ONE OTHER WAY: a) Personally, OR b) Sent by mail – certified, return-receipt, restricted delivery, OR c) At the rental property, to a member of the tenant's household—of suitable age—requesting that it be delivered to the tenant, OR d) After diligent attempts at personal service, by securely attaching the papers to the main entrance of the rental unit. Michigan Court Rule 4.201(D)	The Summons will have a date and time ordering the Tenant to appear in court. As the Summons commands, you MUST appear at the court for this hearing. You MUST appear at the court hearing. You should answer the Complaint by the date on the Summons. You can do this either in writing OR orally at the hearing. Recommendation: It is best to contact a lawyer to help you through this process

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Trial: Within 10 days there will be a trial/hearing. Michigan Court Rule 4.201(F) If either party appears without an attorney, but requests to retain one, the judge will generally adjourn the trial hearing for 7 days.	You have a right to an attorney; you may ask for time to retain one. Generally, the judge will adjourn for 7 days. You have a right to a jury trial; however, you must demand it in the Complaint and pay the jury fee. (The fee starts at \$50 and goes up depending on the mount in controversy.) Provide testimony, documents, and other evidence that you are lawfully entitled to recover possession of your rental property	You must appear and answer the Complaint. You have a right to an attorney; you may ask for time to retain one. Generally, the judge will adjourn for 7 days. You have a right to a jury trial; however, you must demand it in your first response—written or oral—and pay the jury fee. (The fee starts at \$50.) However, a proposed amendment is before the Supreme Court of Michigan that would allow a jury demand to be made up to 2 days before the scheduled trial. Defending the landlord's claim may require you to testify and provide documents and other evidence of why you should be entitled to remain in possession of the rental property.
APPEAL: Within 10 days after judgment, either party may appeal the judge's decision. The party appealing the judge's decision must pay an appeal bond, filing fees, and transcript fees to preserve the appeal and stop the Writ of Eviction from being issued. Michigan Court Rule 4.201(N)	Decide quickly whether to appeal	Decide quickly whether to appeal

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EVICTION: After 10 days—a Writ of Eviction may be requested, issued, and executed. Michigan Statute 600.5744(4); Michigan Court Rule 4.201(L) Issuance: Issuance must occur within 56 days after judgment is entered and must be executed no later than 56 days after the writ is issued.	Once the Sheriff executes the Writ, you regain possession of your rental property	If reason for eviction was for nonpayment of rent, full payment of the rent, plus fees and costs awarded, may stop the issuance of the Writ of Eviction. Partial payment will not stop the issuance of the Writ. Warning: Other reasons for eviction may not be cured by payment and you must move out before the sheriff executes the Writ and moves things out for you.
Important: Certain situations may allow issuance of a Writ of Eviction Immediately. Michigan Statute 600.5744(2)		