



Policy Brief:

Tenants' Rights to Repairs and Repair Enforcement in NYC

Flatbush Tenant Coalition

This poster will explain tenants' rights to repairs and understand what laws exist to enforce landlord accountability around making those repairs.

About the advocate

The Flatbush Tenant Coalition is a member-led group of tenant associations in Flatbush, East Flatbush, and South Crown Heights working collectively to build tenant power. They work to organize, support, develop, and educate tenants about their rights and how to make change.

The issue

New York City tenants struggle to obtain repairs in their apartments and are frequently forced to live in hazardous conditions with little to no accountability of their landlords' neglect. While the new rent laws represent better tenant protections, landlords can still take advantage of the confusing system of repair enforcement to gain profits and avoid repairs.

Tenants can use housing court and other city agencies to hold their landlords accountable but navigating these systems is complex and it's unclear who is responsible for making sure landlords make these repairs.



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The impact

This guide will help tenants understand their rights around getting repairs for their homes. It will teach people how to use city agencies and housing court as a tool to hold their landlords accountable and will help tenant leaders strategize and organize around improving the repairs enforcement process.

The distribution network

FTC will distribute the poster at their tenant association, coalition, and campaign meetings. They will also use the guide in their community-based Know Your Rights trainings and citywide trainings and events held in collaboration with the Right to Counsel Coalition and other housing organizations.



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