

**PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR
TENANTS
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**



NO COURT ORDER – NO EVICTION

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ILLEGAL EVICTION under the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984.

See Below to Find Out Your Rights

1. Under **Section 22 of the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984** no tenant can be forced to give up his/her tenancy without the sheriff court granting an order for recovery of heritable possession
2. To remove a tenant from their home without a court order is unlawful and a criminal offence under **Section 22 of the 1984 Act.**
3. Under the Act it is **unlawful and a criminal offence** for a landlord to change or attempt to change the locks to a tenant's property or remove a tenant and/or their belongings without a court order
4. Harassment of a tenant is also a **criminal offence** in terms of *the 1984 Act*.
5. No matter what the landlord's reason is to evict you the landlord **must** first obtain a court order from the sheriff court.
6. If there is no court order, then the tenant **must not be removed** from their home by the landlord or the police.

A tenant has the right to pursue a complaint against the police should they assist or agree with a landlord in an illegal eviction.