

Good Cause for Nonpayment of Rent

- You must provide proof of your financial difficulties with dates that match your missed rental payment(s).
- **VOUCHER HOLDERS** (Section 8, AHVP, MRVP, etc): If you couldn't pay rent because of reduced household income, you must request a rent adjustment from your subsidy provider before seeking assistance from RAFT.
- **TAX CREDIT RESIDENTS**: We can accept a loss of income as good cause for nonpayment without needing to obtain a rent adjustment.

Examples and Documentation:

Unexpected Expenses: Things you had to pay for unexpectedly, like medical bills, transportation costs to/from medical visits/grocery store, car repairs or buying a new car, funeral costs, childcare, or unusually high utility bills.

Documentation: Receipts or bank statements showing these payments, advocate/third-party letter how unexpected events affected your ability to pay rent.

Less Hours at Work: Less fewer hours than usual, unpaid sick leave, missed work due to reasons beyond your control, etc.

Documentation: Doctors note, FMLA paperwork, a note from your housing authority showing that your reduced hours did NOT trigger a rent adjustment.

Domestic Violence: Costs related to domestic violence like staying in a hotel, replacing damaged furniture, changing locks, lawyer fees, etc.

Documentation: Receipts, police report, advocate statement, invoices, etc.

Disability-Related Hardship: Facing challenges in paying rent because of a disability.

Documentation: A letter from your doctor explaining how your disability affects your ability to pay rent.