



Landlord harassment documentation letter (NY)

[Your name]

[Rental address, unit]

[Email] · [Phone]

[Date]

[Landlord / property manager name]

[Landlord address]

Re: Formal notice of tenant harassment at [rental address, unit]

Dear [Landlord name],

I am writing to formally document a pattern of conduct that constitutes tenant harassment under New York Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law (RPAPL) § 768 and the definition of "harassment" in New York City Administrative Code § 27-2004(a)(48). Under these provisions, it is unlawful for an owner or their agent to engage in a course of conduct intended to cause a tenant to vacate, or to interfere with a tenant's lawful occupancy, including (but not limited to) interrupting essential services, using or threatening force, repeated baseless litigation, illegal lockouts, or other conduct intended to harass.

The following incidents form part of that pattern:

1. [Date] — [Describe what happened: e.g., heat/hot water shut off, locks changed, threats made, repeated unnecessary "inspections," baseless eviction filing, etc. Include who was present and any witnesses.]
2. [Date] — [Describe incident]
3. [Date] — [Add additional incidents as needed]

[Optional: I have supporting documentation, including photographs, video, text messages, and/or witness statements, which I am retaining.]

This conduct has interfered with my ability to peacefully occupy my home. I am putting you on notice that this pattern must stop immediately. Specifically, I am asking that you:

- [e.g., Restore and maintain all essential services (heat, hot water, electricity, gas)]
- [e.g., Cease all threats, unannounced entries, or attempts to pressure me to vacate]
- [e.g., Withdraw the baseless court proceeding filed against me]

If this conduct continues, I intend to pursue the remedies available to me under RPAPL § 768, which may include a proceeding in the Housing Part of Civil Court seeking an order to stop the harassment,

compensatory and punitive damages, and civil penalties of \$1,000 to \$10,000 per violation payable to the City of New York under NYC Administrative Code § 27-2005(d). I may also file a complaint with the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and, where applicable, report to 311.

I would prefer to resolve this without further escalation. Please confirm in writing by [date] that this conduct will stop.

Sincerely,

[Your name]