

Writ of Reentry Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on Writ of Reentry. A Writ of Reentry is a request submitted to the Justice Court for a tenant to reenter a rental property after a landlord has illegally locked them out. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Property Code

- Ch. 92 §92.0081 Removal of Property and Exclusion of Residential Tenant
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.92.htm#92.0081>
- Ch. 92 §92.009 Residential Tenant's Right of Reentry After Unlawful Lockout
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.92.htm#92.009>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Transaction Guide KFT 1268 .K45

- Vol. 19, Ch. 81E §81E.28 Removal of Property and Exclusion of Tenant

Texas Torts and Remedies KFT 1395 .T49

- Vol. 1, Ch. 23 §23.12A(4) Right of Reentry After Lockout

Texas Collections Manual KFT 1367 .C6 T49

- Vol. 2, Ch. 28.14:7 Tenant's Remedy; Writ of Reentry

Texas Litigation Guide KFT 1730 .T4

- Vol. 18, Ch. 282 Landlord and Tenant §282.24 Lockout and Removal of Property; §282.137 Petition for Writ of Reentry

O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action KFT 1733 .026

- Ch. 16 Landlord-Tenant Actions §16-C Reentry

Online Resources

Landlord-Tenant Lockouts (TSLL)

<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/landlord-tenant-law/lockouts>

Landlords Locking Out Tenants (TexasLawHelp)

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/landlords-locking-out-tenants>

When Your Landlord Has Locked You Out or Cut Off Your Utilities (TJCTC)

<https://www.tjctc.org/SRL/tenant-remedies.html>

Evictions Deskbook (TJCTC): Ch. 9, Writs of Retrieval,

Re-Entry, and Restoration <https://gato-docs.its.txst.edu/jcr:adf83ceb-ca76-462f-b5fe-2c41d70cbfab/Evictions%20Deskbook%20-%20Third%20Edition.pdf>

Writ of Re-entry (Tarrant County Justice Courts)

<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-1/civil-cases/writ-of-reentry.html>

Texas Writ of Re-entry Flow Chart (Texas State University)

<https://gato-docs.its.txst.edu/jcr:565a4615-1b90-4ce5-8029-a42c13621b09/Writ%20of%20Reentry%20Flowchart.pdf>

What to Do When Your Landlord Locks You Out, Including Court Form to Demand Re-entry (Texas RioGrande Legal Aid)

<https://www.trla.org/lockedout>

Lockouts (Texas Tenant Advisor)

<https://www.texastenant.org/while-you-are-renting/lockouts>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)