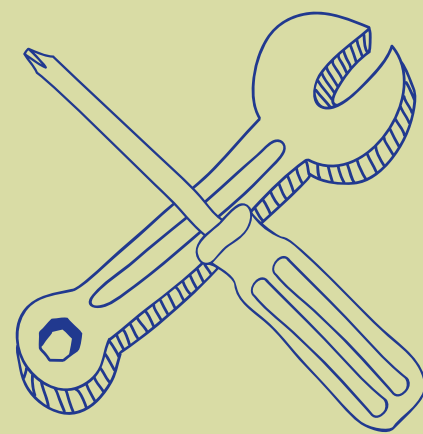


Security Deposits

When can your landlord keep your security deposit? Here are five reasons why a landlord might be able to keep your security deposit:

Breaking or Terminating the Lease Early

If you break your lease early, the landlord can use your security deposit towards covering the remainder of the lease.



Damage to the Property

Your landlord can keep your security deposit to cover damages that are more than normal wear and tear of the property. Things like holes in the walls and keys not returned are beyond normal wear and tear and allow for landlord to use security deposit money



Non-Payment of Rent

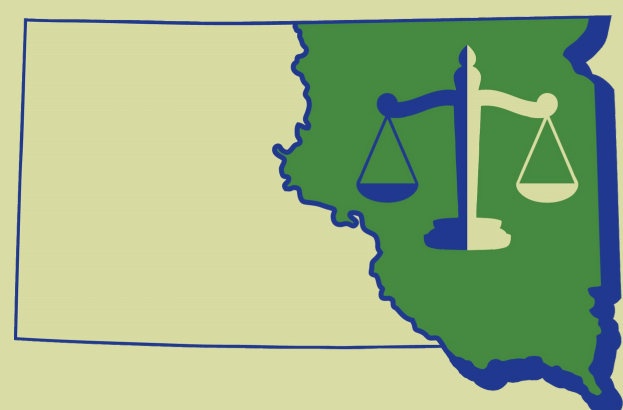
Not paying rent is considered breaking the lease, in which case the landlord can keep the security deposit to pay for the unpaid months of rent.

Unpaid Utilities

If there are utilities that are needed to be paid and you are responsible for, the landlord can keep your security deposit to cover that cost.

Abnormal Cleaning Costs

Landlord cannot keep the deposit for normal cleaning needs, but if the property is abnormally dirty, the landlord is able to keep the deposit. For example, if an animal made a large mess of the carpet and it then needs to be cleaned or replaced that would allow the landlord to use the security deposit to cover that cost.



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