




**Tenants: are there vacant units in your building? Are those units causing problems?**

**You can do something about it!**

<b>Before</b> 	<b>Local Law 1 of 2024, effective August 3rd.</b> 
<p>Tenants lived among empty apartments, some of which had trash, mold, open windows, leaky gas pipes and rodents as scourges in their buildings.</p> <p>Tenants could not get this properly addressed even when trying to call 311 and these units were not inspected.</p> <p>Landlords felt little pressure to properly repair or correct poor conditions in vacant units that affected neighboring tenants in their buildings.</p>	<p>You can report maintenance code issues to the City’s Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) department via <b>311</b>, and have city officials inspect vacant units that may pose a hazard to those in units nearby, like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open windows and doors</li> <li>• Leaks, defective plumbing</li> <li>• Mold</li> <li>• Pests</li> <li>• Garbage</li> <li>• Lack of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors</li> <li>• Fire hazards.</li> </ul> <p>Tenants can now sue landlords to force them to open up vacant apartments for inspection for nuisance conditions.</p> <p>The owner must schedule an HPD inspection of the vacant unit within 21 days.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p style="font-size: 8px;">Created by Wohnenour from Icon Project</p> </div>

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