

IS YOUR RENT INCREASE LEGAL?

Most tenancies in Ontario are protected by a form of rent control that determines how much your landlord can raise your rent each year.



Annual increases are set out by the province

The amount your landlord can raise your rent is determined by the provincial government for the following year. For 2022, the guideline amount is 1.2% and for 2023, it will be 2.5%.



Landlords must give 90 days written notice of an increase

Your landlord must provide you with 90 days written notice in advance of the increase. If they fail to do so, or the amount is incorrect, the increase may not be legal. Seek legal advice if you find yourself in this situation.

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The 2018 Rent Control Exemption

Some units are not protected by rent control. If the unit you are renting was **first occupied residentially on or after November 15th, 2018** there is **no** limit to how much a landlord may increase your rent.