

Are you behind on rent, or think you may be soon? Are you a landlord or a tenant looking for help working out repayment options? You are not alone. The Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center is here to help.

The Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center (BCRC) helps people who live and/or work in Bellevue resolve conflicts. Services are free, voluntary and confidential.

Because of COVID-19, tenants mostly can't be evicted right now, but still owe any unpaid rent. Governor Inslee has asked Washington conflict resolution centers to help tenants and landlords negotiate these overdue bills, making an agreement that can work for everyone. BCRC volunteers are not judges and don't take sides. We help landlords and tenants equally. Language services available.

When you call BCRC:

1. We will listen.
2. We will help you fill out a worksheet* that describes your financial situation, and helps you decide how much negotiation room you have.
3. We then call the other party, landlord or tenant, to do the same.
4. If you are both interested, we help you negotiate to come to a repayment plan that both sides can live with.
5. We then send an email to say that you both participated in the process, attaching the worksheet and any other documents.
6. Even if the other party doesn't want to work with us, calling BCRC to complete the worksheet may help show good faith that you tried to fix things.

*For information about landlord-tenant situation in WA, and to view the worksheet, available in Spanish, English and Russian, you can go to the State Attorney General's website: <https://www.atg.wa.gov/landlord-tenant>.

If you want to find out more, please call the Conflict Resolution Center at 425-452-4091, or write BCRC@bellevuewa.gov.