

Without warning, bulldozers and police entered the Dey Krahom community in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, early in the morning of 24 January 2009. Hundreds of families were forcibly evicted from the area and left homeless.

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STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP  
FORCED EVICTIONS

**STAND UP  
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMAND  
AN END TO FORCED EVICTIONS!**

Each year, governments all over the world forcibly evict thousands of people from their homes, flouting their obligations under international law. But we all have a right to housing and we should be protected by our governments if we are at risk of forced eviction.

HOUSING  
IS A HUMAN RIGHT  
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## BEFORE ANY EVICTION, THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD:

**TELL YOU** about the eviction and what your home, or land, will be used for.

**CONSULT YOU** about alternatives to eviction and consider all options you put forward.

**GIVE YOU** adequate notice when the eviction will take place – in writing, or in a way that is easy to understand.

**ALLOW YOU** enough time to list any possessions or wages you will lose due to the eviction and compensate you.

**GIVE YOU** opportunities to challenge the eviction in court, tell you about legal remedies and provide legal aid if you need it.

**MAKE SURE** that you are not left homeless or at risk of other human rights violations.

**CONSULT YOU** on the areas and the house you might be moved to.

**PROVIDE YOU** with adequate alternative housing if you cannot afford it otherwise, and documents confirming you can live there.

**MAKE SURE YOU** can afford to live in the place you are moved to, have access to essential services, and are able to travel to or carry out your work.

**MAKE SURE YOU** are not moved to polluted areas or anywhere that poses a health risk.

## IF AN EVICTION TAKES PLACE, THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD:

**GIVE YOU** time to move your possessions and salvage building materials.

**MAKE SURE** government officials are present, identify themselves and can show you a formal eviction authorization.

**MAKE SURE** the eviction is not carried out at night, during holidays or in bad weather, unless you agree.

**MAKE SURE** that the eviction is carried out safely, without unnecessary or unreasonable force by police or other officials, and respecting people's dignity.

# ARE YOU AT RISK OF FORCED EVICTION?

IT'S YOUR HOME.  
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

WHETHER YOU RENT, OWN, OCCUPY OR LEASE YOUR HOME OR THE LAND IT IS BUILT ON, YOU CANNOT BE EVICTED FROM YOUR HOME UNLESS CERTAIN PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED AND SAFEGUARDS PUT IN PLACE.

REMEMBER, YOU MAY ONLY BE EVICTED ONCE ALL OTHER OPTIONS HAVE BEEN EXPLORED. IF THE STEPS ABOVE HAVE NOT BEEN FOLLOWED, THE EVICTION IS A FORCED EVICTION AND IS ILLEGAL UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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WHEREVER YOU LIVE,  
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FOR SUPPORT OR ADVICE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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