

INSTRUCTIONS ON ANSWER FOR EVICTION

This form references specific South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL), and you can find these laws on the South Dakota Legislature website. If you have any legal questions, it is highly recommended that you consult with an attorney. Court staff are unable to provide you with legal advice or assist you in completing this form. For specific questions related to the forms, you can contact the Legal Form Helpline at 1-855-784-0004 or email UJS staff at ujssrlhelp@ajs.state.sd.us.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Once you have completed the form, you will have 5 days, not counting the day served, to file and serve a copy of your Answer.

A filing fee of \$25 will be required at the time you file the Answer with the Clerk of Court. You may be eligible to waive the filing fee if approved by the court. A waiver of filing fee can be found here: <https://ujslawhelp.sd.gov/WaiverofFees.aspx>

If you are served with a Summons and Complaint for Eviction, you can file and serve an Answer to have the matter heard before a judge. Follow the steps below to complete the form.

- Complete the caption.
- Paragraph 1 you will state what, if anything, you agree with in the complaint.
- Paragraph 2 you will state what, if anything, you disagree with in the complaint.
- Paragraph 3 you will state what, if anything, you partially agree or disagree with.
- Paragraph 4 you will state if there is anything you don't have enough information on in the complaint to respond to.
- Sign and date.

<p>_____</p> <p>Plaintiff/Landlord</p> <p>v.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Defendant/Tenant(s)</p>	<p>Case No.: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANSWER (FOR EVICTION)</p>
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COMES NOW, the above-named Defendant/Tenant(s) and answers the Verified Complaint (For Eviction) as follows:

- I **AGREE** with the following statements in the complaint:

- I **DISAGREE** with the following statements in the complaint:

3. I either **PARTIALLY** Agree or Disagree with the following statements in the complaint:

4. **I DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION** to either agree or disagree with the following statements in the complaint:

Dated this _____ date of _____, 20_____.

Defendant/Tenant's signature

Defendant/Tenant's Printed Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number