

INSTRUCTIONS ON ANSWER FOR EVICTION

These forms reference certain South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) on eviction matters and all of which can be found here: <https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes>. Should you have questions on the law, you are highly encouraged to speak with an attorney. Court staff cannot help you interpret the law.

Court employees cannot help you fill out forms or give you legal advice. If you have legal questions, please consult an attorney. You can also call the Legal Form Help Line at 855-784-0004, or email UJS staff at ujssrlhelp@ujs.state.sd.us for specific questions on the forms.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Once you have completed the form, you will have 4 days, not counting the day served, to file and serve a copy of your Answer. Should you choose to mail a copy of the Answer to the Landlord, an additional 3 days are allowed for delivery.

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>

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF _____

IN CIRCUIT COURT
_____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

<p>_____ Plaintiff/Landlord</p> <p>v.</p> <p>_____ Defendant/Tenant(s)</p>	<p>FILE 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:

1. I **AGREE** with the following statements in the complaint:

2. 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

Print of type name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number