# **READ THIS BROCHURE!**

The foreclosure process can happen quickly, and it can also be very confusing for homeowners. HomeHelpNH is a statewide foreclosure counseling initiative that helps at-risk homeowners find and work with

free experienced homeownership counselors to explore their options. This brochure introduces you to the most common choices at-risk homeowners have when faced with foreclosure. It also provides you valuable information about how to get started and where you can find help.





## HomeHelpNH.org

Counseling for At-Risk Homeowners

HomeHelpNH is a statewide foreclosure counseling initiative supported by the New Hampshire Department of Justice, the New Hampshire Banking Department, and New Hampshire Housing.

For more information, **call 2-1-1** or go to www.HomeHelpNH.org.

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— free help is available!

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# AT RISK OF LOSING YOUR HOME?

Understand your options.



# Foreclosure

happens very quickly in New Hampshire. Your lender does not need to take you to court to foreclose. Act now to protect yourself and your home.

Losing your home from a foreclosure will hurt your credit, family, and future ability to purchase a home. If you want to save your home, do not ignore foreclosure notices! The sooner you seek help, the more options you will have.

What should you do?

- 1. Call 2-1-1 or visit HomeHelpNH.org to find a qualified, free homeownership counselor.
- 2. Discuss your options with the homeownership counselor to make an informed decision about your future.
- 3. If you feel your situation requires help from an attorney, or if your counselor recommends it, contact legal assistance at (877) 399-9995 or visit NHLegalAid.org

## Solutions and Options

Some alternatives to foreclosure that a professional homeownership counselor may discuss with you.

- Forbearance This is when a lender allows you to skip a payment, or allows you to make a special repayment plan. It's important that you understand exactly what you are agreeing to with this option.
- Loan modification Some lenders may be willing to change the terms of your mortgage. For example, they may extend your loan term or reduce your interest rate.
- Short sale If you owe more than your property is worth, a short sale may be a good option. A short sale is when you request permission from your lender to sell the property for less than the full balance that is owed.
- Sell If you have equity in your property, selling your home and rightsizing to something you can afford is an option to avoid putting your home at risk.
- **Deed-in-lieu of foreclosure** Your lender may be willing to accept your property in lieu of foreclosure. Giving your home back to the lender will hurt your credit, but it avoids a foreclosure.
- Bankruptcy Sometimes bankruptcy, particularly filing under Chapter 13, may help to save your home from foreclosure. Be sure to speak with a legal advisor before pursuing this option.

Even if you can't save your home, a homeownership counselor can help you determine your next steps.

For more information or to get started, CALL 2-1-1 or visit HomeHelpNH.org.

### **Counseling Services**

#### **AHEAD Inc.**

161 Main Street Littleton, NH 03561 Tel: (800) 974-1377 www.homesahead.org Additional offices in Berlin, Conway & Colebrook

#### **CATCH Neighborhood Housing**

76 South State Street Concord, NH 03301 Tel: (603) 225-8835 www.catchhousing.org

#### **Community Home Solutions**

14 New Zealand Road Seabrook, NH 03874 Tel: (603) 474-7449 www.communityhomesolutions.org

#### **The Housing Partnership**

767 Islington Street Portsmouth, NH 03802-0466 Tel: (603) 766-3120 www.housingpartnership.org

#### Laconia Area Community Land Trust

658 Union Avenue Laconia, NH 03246 Tel: (603) 524-0747 www.laclt.org

#### NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire

801 Elm Street, 2nd Floor Manchester, NH 03101 Tel: (603) 626-4663 www.nwsnh.org Additional office in Nashua

#### **Southwestern Community Services**

63 Community Way Keene, NH 03431 Tel: (603) 352-3618 www.scshelps.org Additional office in Claremont

#### The Way Home

214 Spruce Street Manchester, NH 03103 Tel: (603) 627-3491 www.thewayhomenh.org

#### Legal Assistance

If you feel you need legal assistance instead of homeownership counseling, or if you have a foreclosure sale date scheduled, contact:

#### Legal Advice & Referral Center

48 South Main Street Concord, NH 03301 Tel: (877) 399-9995 www.nhlegalaid.org

# Foreclosure Timeline in New Hampshire

Non-Judicial Foreclosure Process

