

**From:** [Melanie Zastrow](#)  
**To:** [Joanna Zimny](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 24 hour advance notice  
**Date:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 11:10:17 AM  
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Below is the contact between the landlord and David Bustad  
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**From:** Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:54 AM  
**To:** Melanie Zastrow <[Melanie.Zastrow@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Melanie.Zastrow@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: 24 hour advance notice

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----- Forwarded message -----  
From: **Lifeng Geng** <[lifeng.geng@gmail.com](mailto:lifeng.geng@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 4:05 PM  
Subject: Re: 24 hour advance notice  
To: Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)>

Hi Dave,

interesting! what a joke!

You turned a nice clean unit into a shit hole. You make a mess with the stovetop and ask me to clean it up - and you are talking characters with me - this is really not the things for you to talk about.

The roommate agreement states clearly that who make a mess in the public area, who clean it up and resume it to the original state.

I'll take care and fix all the other items. If you do not clean up the mess you created at the stovetop, the city do not pass the inspection and issue vacant order, then you are responsible for the vacant order and should take the consequences of the vacant order.

Sincerely,

Lee

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 4:09 PM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

This is MY 24 hour notice to you that 9am tomorrow WILL NOT wibe ok for a contractor to arrive. I have appointments that cannot be canceled or rescheduled. I apologize for the inconvenience but I can be available by 10 am or later. THIS IS NON NEGOTIABLE

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 2:22 PM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

also, as a note: the roommate agreement we signed says cleaning duties will be split between the residents. Since you claim to be a resident and have not cleaned once since you moved in, I encourage you to do your part and clean the stove. I have the light globe and can install it before the next inspection, but i feel with the current state of living and how you have failed as a landlord to maintain the house as the city requires, i feel like cleaning the stove would be a good character building experience for you

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 2:17 PM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

The city clerks office is coming later this week to do another inspection. I've been told you may be forced to give me the upstairs residence as the basement has current fire safety issues and the entire house was only supposed to be a single family unit but yet you had 2 "families" living here until october

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 2:15 PM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

I just had my meeting with the city office and I would highly encourage you to contact me right away as there seem to be several large issues that you need to resolve immediately. It appears as though you may have broken several laws Mr lee

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 10:01 AM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

Yes Mr. Lee, I got the detailed list of all the repairs and adjustments that need to be done as well by the first. I understand the need for urgency and can adjust slightly, but please do not try to tell me that working off of my computer is a breach of contract when you and I both know it's not.

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 9:59 AM Lifeng Geng <[lifeng.geng@gmail.com](mailto:lifeng.geng@gmail.com)> wrote:

Ok,

It not that I deliberately trying to make it inconvenient for you. The contractors are very difficult to get hold of. As. You know, I waited the whole day yesterday for the drywall guys and they didn't show up. It's not what time I want them to show up - have to follow their schedule and the city have a tight deadline to get the job done.

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 9:52 AM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

I teach English online for a company called Cambly it's the same job I've had since I met you I've told you about it previously

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 9:49 AM Lifeng Geng <[lifeng.geng@gmail.com](mailto:lifeng.geng@gmail.com)> wrote:

If you work from home, if not for your own business, then which institution, organization did you work for? Please provide proof.

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 9:32 AM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

And I'm not running a business from home, i work for one. There is nothing lease breaking about it. But fine if you need temporary access around 9 am i will adjust.

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 9:27 AM Lifeng Geng <[lifeng.geng@gmail.com](mailto:lifeng.geng@gmail.com)> wrote:

The agreement is for residential, not for business purposes

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 9:18 AM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

there is nothing in the agreement that says i cannot have a semi remote job mr lee. I'm not running a business i just work off of my computer.

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 9:12 AM Lifeng Geng <[lifeng.geng@gmail.com](mailto:lifeng.geng@gmail.com)> wrote:

This is a violation of the roommate agreement - you cannot work in the room

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024, 9:02 AM Dave Bustad <[bustadster@gmail.com](mailto:bustadster@gmail.com)> wrote:

9 am is too early for me. You will have to schedule something more reasonable like afternoon. I work from home mr lee i cant be

interrupted during my hours

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 8:52 AM Lifeng Geng  
<[lifeng.geng@gmail.com](mailto:lifeng.geng@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good morning Dave,

As per the instructions from the city officer, I've lined up two contractors to look at the windows in the basement and need to access your unit tomorrow around 9am and sometime after 6 pm.

This serves as the 24 hour advanced notice.

Thanks,

Lee