

## **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE – Safe Homes Act**

### **(credible imminent threat)**

1. From X to XXX date, the defendant tenant lived in an apartment at XXX address in Chicago, Illinois and is thus a tenant pursuant to the Safe Homes Act, \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Plaintiff Landlord owns and manages the apartment at XXX address and is thus a landlord pursuant to the Safe Homes Act, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. On January 1, 2007, defendant tenant was physically and verbally abused by her boyfriend when she tried to end their relationship.

4. Defendant tenant's ex-boyfriend knows where she lives and has threatened to harm her again if she does not continue their relationship. As a result, defendant tenant feels she has no choice but to flee her current home and find safe housing.

5. On January 5, 2007, defendant tenant informed plaintiff landlord in writing that there was a credible imminent threat that she would be the victim of domestic violence at the premises by her ex-boyfriend. Defendant tenant's notice is attached as Exhibit A.

6. On January 7, 2007, defendant tenant removed all of her belongings from the apartment, and tendered her keys to one of the landlord's agents.

7. As a result of defendant's proper exercise of her rights under the Safe Homes Act, plaintiff is barred from seeking rent from the defendant which accrued after she left the apartment.