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Due to personal circumstances my husband and I have been renters, rather than property owners, in Oregon for 29 years. We have had 5 different landlords. The current one is responsible and treats us well. However, we had one who defied the laws and allowed an unsafe situation to develop in the building. He evicted tenants who sought in any way to get him to deal with the leaking roof, the faulty wiring, and the lack of adequate heat in winter. If tenants made any improvements to their apartments at their own expense, such as painting, he raised their rent as much as 20% because he could now charge more for the apartment. If they sought legal help they were immediately evicted. I have seen this behavior many times in other apartment buildings in my neighborhood. Building codes meant to protect tenants are useless when no-cause evictions are allowed because they make it impossible to enforce the laws or stop retaliatory evictions.

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