

# When Squatters Go Bad...

**SQUATTER** [skwot-er] – *a person who settles on land under government regulation, in order to acquire title.*

Well, ok, so the official definition isn't exactly what I'm talking about. You may have heard the story that was in the news a month ago about the elderly man who couldn't get the stranger out of his garage. If you're wondering how such a thing could happen in our wonderful country, [read for yourself.](#)

Apparently occupancy rights laws suck. My dear friend is currently going through a situation as well. I will spare the details, but the reason I'm writing this is because I desperately want to help and I don't know how. I find it amazing that there are other such stories in the news right now ([click here for another one](#)) – a side effect of the horrible economy, maybe? It's not so much the laws that are failing my friend, more likely it's the fact that she is too nice and generous and doesn't want to kick people out even if they are taking advantage of her generosity. I actually haven't talked to her about it in awhile, so hopefully the situation has improved – here's hoping!