



clydebank housing association

Private Landlords Information Leaflet in English

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Private landlords rent to all types of people. The type of accommodation they can offer depends on the location and type of neighbourhood it is in. Renting from a private landlord offers a lot of choice, but it is usually more expensive than renting from the council or from a Housing Association.

How to find private rented housing

You can check with your local council and get their list of approved registered landlords. The council may be able to give you advice on renting from a private landlord.

You can also find out about private rentals in local newspapers, in shop windows, on notice boards in stores or community centres, and in property management agencies and estate agents. You can advertise in a local newspaper yourself. Ask friends and people you know if they have heard of any private accommodation in the area you want to live in. This is often the best way to find a good place to live.

Rent deposit

A private landlord will usually ask you for one month's rent in advance, plus rent for the first month, before you can move into the house. He or she will also ask you for a deposit in case you damage the furnishings. The deposit is usually the same as a month's rent. This means you will need to pay about three times your first month's rent in order to move in.

Before you rent

Before you sign any agreement with a landlord, get legal advice to be sure that your tenancy agreement is correct. This will ensure that both you and your landlord have your legal rights protected if anything goes wrong.

Once you have signed the agreement, get a rent book from your landlord and make sure you get receipts for any payments you make.