



# Renting Privately in Scotland?



**Know Your Rights**



**Protect Your Home**



**Stay Informed**

# Are you unsure about your tenancy rights and obligations if you rent a private residential property?

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## What law protects you?

The Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 is the law that covers most private rented homes in Scotland.

If you rent from a private landlord, you probably have a Private Residential Tenancy. This gives you:

- ▶ Stability and peace of mind. You can feel confident about staying in your home unless your landlord has a valid reason to ask you to leave.
  - ▶ Rent increase protection. Your rent can only go up once a year, and you must get at least 3 months' notice.
  - ▶ Clear rules. Both you and your landlord have responsibilities, and the law helps make sure they are followed.
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## Do you need help or advice?

If you are a private tenant and need help or advice you can contact:

- ▶ Citizens Advice Scotland [www.aberdeencab.org.uk/](http://www.aberdeencab.org.uk/)
- ▶ Shelter Scotland  
[https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/housing\\_advice/tenants\\_rights](https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/tenants_rights)
- ▶ Aberdeen City Council **Private Housing Team**

Contact telephone number **01224 067575**

Email [LandlordRegistration@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:LandlordRegistration@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

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Aberdeen City Council Private Tenants advice and support webpage:  
[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/housing/private-tenants-advice-and-support#4157](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/housing/private-tenants-advice-and-support#4157)

Scottish Government information for private tenants on your tenancy rights and responsibilities:

[www.mygov.scot/browse/housing/rented-housing/private](http://www.mygov.scot/browse/housing/rented-housing/private)