

Housing for seniors: Living in a rental property

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The *Residential Tenancies Act* applies to seniors who rent their own home, apartment, or condominium. Seniors who rent a place to live have the same rights and responsibilities as other renters. Under the *Residential Tenancies Act*, renters are called tenants.

What you should know about the *Residential Tenancies Act*:

- It does not give seniors more rights than other tenants
- It does not include living situations like seniors' lodges or nursing homes

The *Residential Tenancies Act* talks about the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants in Alberta. However, there are some important things for renters to think about that aren't mentioned in the *Act*.

- Know who you are living with before you move in together.
 - Make sure that the person you live with is someone you can trust to pay rent on time, or you could be evicted.
- Make sure you have a written lease.
 - You will be more protected if agreements are written down because verbal agreements are harder to prove.
- Go to move-in and move-out inspections with your landlord.
 - Landlords can use inspection reports to make deductions from your security deposit when you move out.
- Don't pay for rent in cash.
 - It's easier to prove that you have paid rent if you use a cheque, credit card, debit card, or e-transfer.
- Keep papers and notices.
 - You should keep all papers and notices that you get from your landlord in case you need them for court.

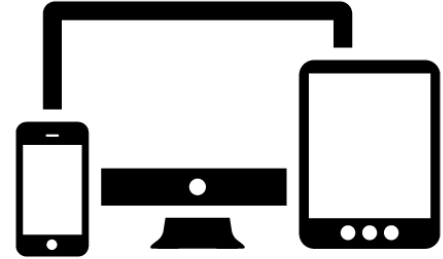
- Ask for help if you don't understand.
 - If you don't know what something means in your lease or on a notice, ask someone for help so that you understand what to do next.

For more information on the *Residential Tenancies Act*, visit www.landlordandtenant.org.

Sometimes, the terms, “home living” or “independent living” may be used to describe a senior who lives on their own.

Where can I find more information?

If you have a problem when renting, you can contact the Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board. The Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board provides services in English only. You can get assistance from a settlement worker or social services provider to help you understand.



Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board of Edmonton: 780.496.5959

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