



# **Renting Ready**

# **Tenant Responsibilities**



GLH: 10

## NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Check Your Learning**

## How much do you know about (please tick):

Objectives	At the Start of the Unit	At the End of the Unit
Understand your responsibilities in	I know very little	I know very little
maintaining a rented property	I know some	I know some
	I know a lot	I know a lot
Know how to manage shared	I know very little	I know very little
accommodation	I know some	I know some
	I know a lot	I know a lot

What are your personal objectives? (start of unit)

Did you achieve your personal objectives (end of unit)



## **TRACKING SHEET**

criteria	sheet	Tenant Responsibilities	Date	Pass
1.1.	30a/b	Identify what to do in a rented property if		
		things go wrong with:		
		A. the property		
		B. the relationship with the landlord		
		C. a personal matter		
1.2.	31	Describe how to prevent and address		
		condensation problems and mould		
2.1	32	List 3 things that are essential in shared		
		accommodation.		
2.2	33	Describe the benefit of having house rules.		
2.3	33	List house rules that are important from own		
		perspective.		
2.4	34	Identify 3 common problems in a shared		
		property		
2.5	35	Outline possible steps to take if there is a		
		problem with someone who shares the		
		property		
2.6	36	List the different ways of paying bills in a shared		
		property.		

Has this person achieved this unit? YES / NO

I declare that the work submitted in this portfolio is my own:

Signed learner	Date:
Signed tutor	Date:



### WHAT TO DO IF THINGS GO WRONG

What would you do in the following situations where things have gone wrong with the property?

	Your heating boiler has stopped working?	
GAS?	You can smell gas in your home?	
~	You come home to find a water pipe has burst?	
	Your radiators are warm at the bottom but cold at the top?	
	Your toilet is blocked?	
4	You notice that a roof slate is missing?	

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## WHAT TO DO IF THINGS GO WRONG

## 1. You have fallen out with your landlord. Which of the following would you do?

Ignore it and hope it gets better

Talk to them about it

Move out of the property without telling them

Tell them to get lost and leave you alone

Ask someone you trust to mediate with them

Keep out of their way and hide when they try to talk to you

Say sorry if you think you were in the wrong

### 2. You've found out that your Housing Benefit has been stopped and you can't pay the rent, what would you do?

Ignore it and hope it sorts itself out Move out of the property without telling the landlord Go away for a while and worry about it when you get back Tell the landlord about it straight away Don't worry about it, the landlord probably won't mind Get specialist advice to help you sort out the Housing Benefit Talk to the landlord and make an agreement to clear arrears

## 3. You have verbally reported repairs to your landlord but they have refused to do them. What would you do?

Ignore it and hope it sorts itself out

Just do the repairs yourself

Write to your landlord asking for the repairs to be done

Contact the local Council and ask for advice

Keep evidence like letters and photos of the disrepair Stop paying the rent and don't tell the landlord why

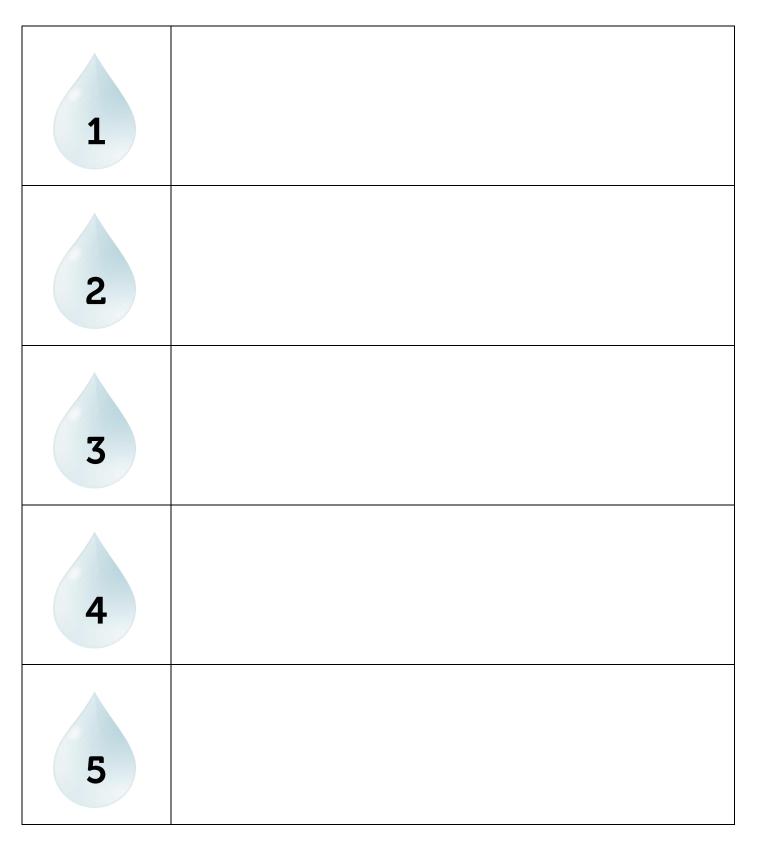
Get advice about taking your landlord to court

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## CONDENSATION

Describe how you can prevent and deal with condensation and mould.

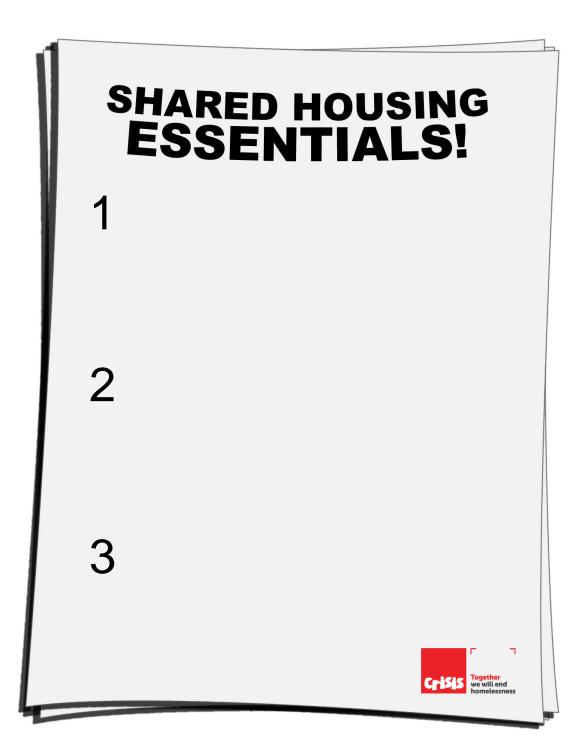


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#### LIVING IN SHARED ACCOMMODATION

What things are essential for you in shared accommodation? What facilities would you prefer and what sort of people would you like to share with?



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### YOUR HOUSE RULES

Many people in shared housing have house rules. Can you describe the benefits of having house rules?

#### WHAT HOUSE RULES WOULD BE IMPORTANT FROM YOUR OWN PERSPECTIVE?



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## COMMON PROBLEMS IN SHARED ACCOMMODATION

What common problems can happen in a shared property? Tick the problems from the list below:

1		
One of your housemates plays loud music after 10pm	One of your housemates locks the doors and closes windows when going out	Your housemates and their visitors are respectful
One of your housemates like to keep the garden nicely groomed	One of your housemates always cleans up after themselves	One of your housemates is leaving dirty dishes in the sink
One of your housemates is not cleaning the bathroom	One of your housemates has noisy friends over to stay	One of your housemates goes outside to smoke cigarettes
One of your housemates regularly fails to pay their share of the bills	One of your housemates often borrows food without asking but never gives it back	One of your housemates often takes in deliveries or post for you
One of your housemates often 'forgets' to do their list of chores	One of your housemates offers to make you a cuppa whenever they have one	One of your housemates often goes into your room when you aren't there

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Crisis



#### **DEALING WITH PROBLEMS**

There are lots of reasons why you might fall out with your housemates. You might have problems because they are not paying their share of the rent or bills, because they are noisy or because they don't do their share of household tasks. Outline possible steps to take to try to resolve problems.

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## PAYING BILLS IN SHARED HOUSING

In shared housing you will often have shared bills – these might include the rent, council tax, gas, electricity, water, telephone, satellite TV, broadband.

You should agree a system where everyone contributes equally to paying the bills. What are the different options?

Option 1	
Option 2	
Option 3	

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## **TUTOR FEEDACK**



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