

## Before you sign a tenancy agreement, have you:

# Housing

## No Rush to Rent

Have you explored the positives and negatives of both potential accommodation and housemates?

No

Don't sign anything until you are happy with who you'll be living with and where you'll be living.

Once signed, tenancy agreements are legally binding. You will have to pay rent according to this document regardless of any change in your circumstances.

For more information visit our [Are you ready?](#) page on the DSU Website.

Yes

Do you know your rights as a tenant?

No

As tenant you have certain rights which landlords must abide by. These rights are in place to protect you as a tenant in a private property.

These include deposit protection, standard of accommodation and protection from harassment by the landlord.

For an inclusive list of your rights please visit [Private renting: Your rights and responsibilities - GOV.UK.](#)

For free legal advice, contact Free Legal Advice Clinic [lawadviceclinic@le.ac.uk](mailto:lawadviceclinic@le.ac.uk).

For more information: <https://le.ac.uk/law/about/legal-advice-clinic>

Yes

Do you know your responsibilities as a tenant?

No

As tenant you accept certain responsibilities while you live in the property. These include paying the rent on time and looking after the property.

A full list of your responsibilities can be found at [Landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities in the private rented sector - GOV.UK.](#)

Yes

You have viewed the property, ready to sign- have you read the tenancy carefully?

No

READ YOUR TENANCY CAREFULLY. This is the number 1 rule when looking for housing. You need to be aware of what you're signing otherwise you could face serious problems in the future.

Where possible you should always visit the property before signing as pictures can be deceiving.

More information can be found at [Contracts/Tenancy Agreement.](#)

A second look is always the right idea. We offer tenancy/contract reading, where we can check the agreement is fair.

Yes

You've signed, have you got your basics sorted?

No

When renting a house there are many things which come with it, from making sure the rent is paid to maintaining a clean house.

Our Advice Housing Checklist [Wellfest Handouts](#) is designed to help you get organised. This comprises of a list of things you need to consider/do as a tenant to ensure you are safe and following the law.

Yes

Enjoy your new home! Remember we are here if you need any advice. Contact us via our [Get In Touch](#) form.