

ENDING A TENANCY

Important information



IS THE NEW HOME:

Affordable?

- Is the rent or accommodation costs affordable?
- Is your income likely to change?
- Have you had any financial advice?

The correct size?

- How many bedrooms does your household need?
- Is the living space suitable?

In a suitable location?

- Can you travel to work or schools easily?
- Are you close to your support network?
- How well do you know the area, have you visited the property at different times of the day?

Suitable for your physical needs?

- Are any adaptations needed?
- Are you able to manage any steps or stairs?

RISK OF LEAVING SOCIAL HOUSING

Less support

- Eviction is always our last resort; we'll work with you to try and resolve any issues. Landlords in the private sector have no duty to offer support and can evict once mandatory grounds are met.

Weaker legal protection and tenant rights

- Fewer legal rights
- Harder to challenge unfair treatment.

Financial pressures

- Rents and accommodation costs outside of Social Housing are usually much higher.

Challenges of moving back to social housing

- It's likely you'll have to wait a long time because there aren't enough homes available
- You might not be able to apply to the Housing Register for Social Housing if:
 - you move areas and don't meet the local connection criteria
 - you are deemed as suitably housed.

Need advice?

Southern Housing

- ☎ 0300 303 1066
- ✉ hello@southernhousing.org.uk
- 🌐 www.southernhousing.org.uk

Your local authority housing team

- 🌐 www.gov.uk/find-local-council

Citizens Advice

- ☎ 0808 2787 912
- 🌐 www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Useful resources

Shelter helpline Homelessness advice

- ☎ 0808 800 4444
- 🌐 www.england.shelter.org.uk
- 🕒 Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

Domestic Abuse

- ☎ 0808 2000 247
- 🌐 www.womensaid.org.uk
- 🕒 Open 24/7

National Debtline

- ☎ 0808 808 4000
- 🌐 www.gov.uk/debt-advice
- 🕒 Monday to Friday 9am-8pm
Saturday 9:30am-1pm

Useful policies available on our website

- 🔗 Domestic Abuse Policy
- Anti-Social Behaviour Policy
- Arrears Policy