# Renting - a summary of the law

## About our tenancy service

**Circle Green Community Legal is an independent, not-for-profit community legal centre. We provide free legal advice for renters in WA.**

## How to get help

**(08) 6148 3636**

circlegreen.org.au

## Legal issues when renting

It's important to understand your rights and obligations before, during, and when you finish renting. The law sets rules for both you as a tenant and for landlords.

If you haven't started renting yet and are looking for checklists or other information to help you plan your tenancy (or understand the application process), click here.

Often, tenants have already started renting and have issues that come up such as:

- Falling behind on rent.
- Being evicted by their landlords.
- Wanting to break a lease.
- Wanting to modify the property or keep a pet.
- Having a bond dispute.

Some renters are also in share housing and might be a boarder or lodger or may be experiencing family and domestic violence.

## Going to Consumer Protection

For some legal issues, you no longer need to go to Court to resolve. If you want to modify your rental, keep a pet, or if you have a dispute with your bond, you can now go to the Commissioner for a determination. To find out more visit our factsheets.

For further information about Consumer Protection, visit: https://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/commissioner-determinations-renting

## Going to Court

For some legal issues, you will need to go to the Magistrates Court to resolve. It's important to get legal advice before you attend Court. You can call us to get legal help. We also have further information on our website about the Court process.

We also have duty lawyers at the Perth Magistrates Court Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

## Further help and resources

***Find a tenant advocate or lawyer:*** *For a list of community legal centres that assist with tenancy issues click here. For other information and resources, visit circlegreen.org.au/resources/tenancy.*

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