

Renting

Money

What to check before signing, and what a deposit scheme is for.

General guidance; tenancy law differs substantially by country.

1

Before signing

Read the whole agreement. Check notice periods, break clauses and who repairs what.

2

Check the deposit is protected

Many countries require a government-backed scheme, with penalties if not used.

3

Do your own inventory

Photograph every room and every existing mark, dated, on day one.

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Keep everything in writing

Repair requests by email, not by phone.

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Before leaving

Photograph again, clean, and attend the check-out if you can.

COMMON DEPOSIT DISPUTES

Cleaning

Marks that were already there

Garden condition

Fair wear and tear vs damage

Fair wear and tear cannot be charged for. Photographs on day one are the only reliable evidence of what changed.