



FACT SHEET 8: WHERE TO GET HELP WHEN RENTING

What are my rights and responsibilities as a tenant?

The Residential Tenancies Authority is responsible for laws to protect the rights of tenants and lessors. As a tenant or resident, you have rights as well as responsibilities.

Fact sheets and publications about your rights and responsibilities under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1994* and/or the *Residential Services (Accommodation) Act 2002* are available on the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) web site: www.rta.qld.gov.au or by telephoning the RTA on 1300 366 311 (for the cost of a local call).

How can I avoid problems with my tenancy?

- Read *Renting a home: A tenant's guide to the rules for renting in Queensland* (Information Statement 17A), which is given to you when you sign the tenancy agreement to assist you in understanding your rights and responsibilities.
- Pay your rent on time.
- Take good care of the property.
- Don't disturb the peace, comfort or privacy of neighbours.
- Consult the lessor if you want to change who is living in the premises.
- Keep all documents about the tenancy (e.g. condition report, tenancy agreement, letters and receipts) in a safe place.
- Contact your real estate agent or lessor to discuss any problems that arise.

Where can I get help if I have problems starting my tenancy or during my tenancy?

Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA)

- www.rta.qld.gov.au for fact sheets, forms and publications about specific tenancy advice.
Telephone 1300 366 311 (for the cost of a local call).

Tenants Union of Queensland

- www.tuq.org.au for information for tenants and residents
Telephone: 07 3257 1108 or 1800 177 761 (outside Brisbane)

Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service (TAASQ).

- www.housing.qld.gov.au/renting/info/taasq.htm
Contact details for TAASQ are included on the back of this Fact Sheet.

Contact Details - Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service (TAASQ)

BRISBANE REGION

Inner Northern Suburbs - 07 3358 3951
Northern Suburbs (Stafford) - 07 3857 8686
Inner Southern Suburbs - 07 3844 9814
Logan/Albert/Beaudesert - 07 3208 8736
North Region - 07 5428 6011
Outer Northern Suburbs - 07 3863 2721
Outer Southern Suburbs - 07 3277 7583
Wynnum/Manly/Redlands - 07 3893 0016

REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

Atherton Tablelands - 1800 652 777
Bowen - 07 4786 3735
Bundaberg and Surrounds - 07 4153 2957
Cairns and Surrounds - 07 4031 6733
Gladstone and Region - 07 4976 6360
Gold Coast North - 07 5591 1102
Gold Coast South - 07 5598 3230
Gympie and South Burnett - 07 5482 7623
Hervey Bay/Maryborough - 07 4124 1523
Ipswich & Surrounds - 07 3281 5409
Mackay - 07 4957 6334
Mt Isa/North West Region - 07 4743 9659 or 1800 671 20
Rockhampton/Central Highlands - 07 4922 7411
Roma and District - 07 4622 3644 or
1800 620 663
Sunshine Coast - 07 5476 0555
Toowoomba and Surrounds - 07 4616 9707
Townsville and Surrounds - 07 4772 5617 or 1800 772 561
Whitsunday - 07 4946 6449

For further information

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Contact us

For more information, visit <http://www.housing.qld.gov.au/contact/offices/index.htm> for your local Department of Housing office's contact details.