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| Information for young people about their rental agreement |
| Housing First for Young People Leaving care  |
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# Introduction

This document explains what will be included in your upcoming rental agreement. You won’t sign your agreement until your home is ready to move into, but your Housing First Case Worker will use this document to help you understand what to expect.

Your Housing First Case Worker will print out and help you fill out the last page with important contact information for you to keep in a safe place.

# Information about housing

1. You can stay in your home for at least 2 years (but no more than 2 years and 6 months).
2. If the house has 2 or more bedrooms, you may need to share with another young person. If you are sharing the home, you will have your own room.
3. If you are sharing the home, shared spaces are all areas of the home except the bedrooms. This includes the kitchen and bathroom.
4. Your home will come with basic furniture such as a fridge and couch. You’ll need to work with your Housing First Case Worker to buy other items. This includes things like your bed, mattress and bedsheets.

# Being a renter

1. Renting a home means that you will have a rental agreement. A rental agreement is a document that outlines the responsibilities of your Accommodation Manager and you, the renter. Your responsibilities as a renter include:
2. Keeping the home reasonably clean
3. Reporting any maintenance issues with the home
4. Paying your rent on time
5. Not being a bad neighbour or causing damage to your home or furniture. A bad neighbour means doing things that have a negative impact on your neighbours. This could be things like parking a vehicle in a manner that stops your neighbour from being able to access their driveway or storing rubbish or other items in a common area.
6. Making sure your visitors don’t cause any damage to your home or furniture.
7. Ensuring no illegal activities take place in the home.

# Support while you rent

Your Accommodation Manager will share information with your Housing First Case Worker to help you avoid issues with your tenancy. For example, if the Accommodation Manager sends you important information, they will send a copy to your Housing First Case Worker too.

To receive this document in another format, email Housing First team at <betterfuturescentral@dffh.vic.gov.au>.

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# Important information about my home

Print this page out and stick on your fridge

| **My new address is:** |  |
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| **If there are any issues with my home, I need to call:** |  |
| **My Housing First support worker’s name and phone number is:** |  |
| **Other important phone numbers:** |  |
| **My rent is due on:** |  |
| **My gas and electricity provider is:** |  |

**My support visitor timetable:**

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