

KNOW YOUR HOUSING RIGHTS IN NORWAY



1. Get it in writing

A rental agreement can be oral, but a written contract protects both tenant and landlord.



2. Deposit = Protected

The deposit must be placed in a locked bank account in the tenant's name, not in the landlord's personal account. The landlord is responsible for opening this account.



3. No hidden fees

A landlord can only request the agreed rent and deposit—nothing extra.



4. Shared contract = shared responsibility

If one roommate doesn't pay, the others may have to cover the rent. If you share housing, an individual contract is recommended to avoid full shared liability for the rent.



5. Your home, your privacy

The landlord cannot enter your home without a legal reason, but has the right to access it for maintenance or necessary inspections with notice.



6. Notice starts next month

Unless agreed otherwise, the notice period starts on the 1st day of the following month.



7. Leave the apartment clean and document

Clean the apartment, do a written condition report (check-in & check-out) with the landlord, and take photos before moving out.



8. Safe home, peaceful home

The landlord is responsible for ensuring order and peace in the property and that the home has a safe emergency escape route.



9. Repairs or disputes?

The tenant is usually responsible for day-to-day maintenance, while the landlord is responsible for major repairs and built-in appliances. If you cannot resolve a disagreement, the Rent Disputes Tribunal (HTU) can help.

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