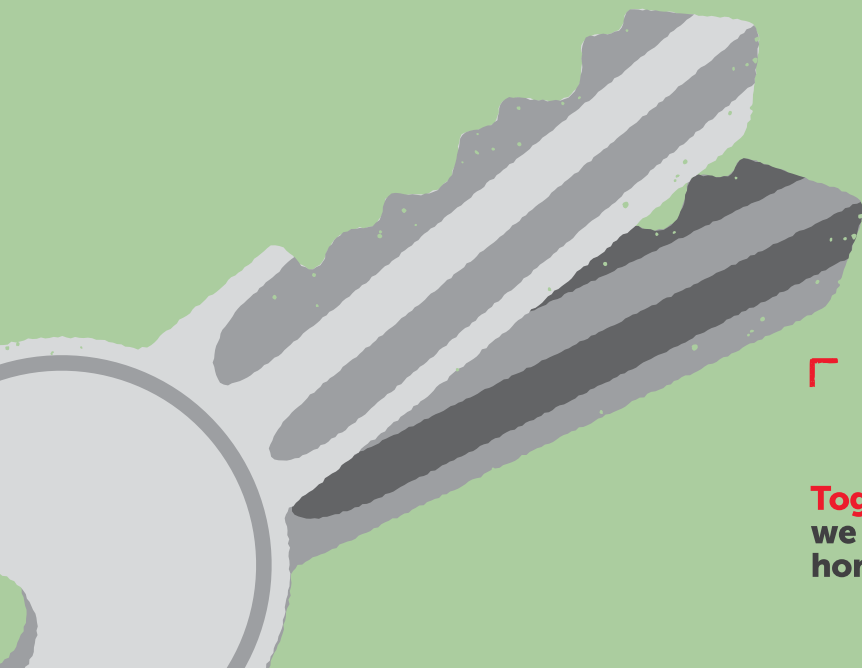


For prospective tenants

CRISIS

Help to Rent Edinburgh

**Helping you to find
and keep a home in
the Private Rented
Sector (PRS)**



**Together
we will end
homelessness**

- Interested in getting a private let but don't know where to start?
- problems finding a deposit and a first month's rent up front?
- need tips and advice on negotiating with a private landlord?
- want to share a flat but don't have a flatmate?

Help to Rent Edinburgh could help you!

Want our help?

Are you a family, a couple or a single person who

- has been assessed as homeless by City of Edinburgh Council?
- has a local connection to Edinburgh?
- wants a private let (in or outside Edinburgh)?

- is not excluded from Housing Benefit for immigration reasons?
- can commit to saving up your own deposit over time, once you're housed?
- can manage a private let, with or without support?

YES to all of these? Ask your Housing Officer in the Council's homelessness team to refer you to us*

*Sorry, we can't take self-referrals or referrals from other services.

What can we help you with?

We can help you with finding, moving into and keeping a private let. And more!

Finding a place to live

- searching for a property
- working out what you can afford
- benefit checks and maximising your income
- finding a flatmate or a flat-share
- training and advice on managing a tenancy.

Getting an offer and moving in

- talking to landlords and going to viewings
- getting a deposit and paying rent in advance
- finding furniture
- setting up bills, Council Tax and rent payments.

Keeping a flat

- settling in and arranging any support you need
- saving up for your own deposit over time
- communicating with your landlord
- helping you sort out any tenancy problems.

Other help you may need

- free classes – such as IT skills, ESOL or cooking
- finding a job, training or voluntary work
- getting support from other services.

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I've been referred, what happens next?

Once we have the referral from your Housing Officer, our Tenant Support Officer will contact you to arrange to meet with you. If we can't work with you for any reason, we'll let your Housing Officer know why.

We'll do an assessment to see what you're looking for, what you can afford and what help you need.

If things go well, our Tenant Support Officer will explain to you how we can help you.

We'll also agree together what you can do yourself – finding a flat means a lot of work for you too.

We'll then work together to find and secure a home through a private let that suits you.

If we're successful, our Tenant Support Officer will support you to move in, get settled and deal with any problems that come up during the tenancy.

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