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There are advantages and disadvantages of renting a home from a Council or local **housing association**.

## Advantages



Housing benefit might be able to help you with all or part of your rent.



Repairs and **maintenance** will mostly be the responsibility of the council or housing association.



The notice you have to give if you want to move is much shorter than if you buy your home.

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No need to pay a **deposit**.



You can keep hold of the house so long as you follow the rules.

## Disadvantages



You will be put on a waiting list and may have to wait a long time to be offered somewhere.



You won't have lots of choice about what homes you can have or area they are in.

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You might not be **eligible** for a home from a Council or local housing association in your area depending on their rules.



You might be limited with the changes you can make to your home.



**Rights** can be different for different Housing associations, and this can affect how protected you are from **eviction**.

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