



# Paying for your home

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**Private landlords** may ask you for at least one month's rent before you move in.



Private landlords may ask you to pay the same amount of money as a **deposit**.



You will be given the deposit back at the end of your tenancy if:



You have paid all of your rent.

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**You have not caused damage to the property or the furniture.**



**You should not lose any of your deposit for normal 'wear and tear'.**



**For example damage that has taken place over time through normal use.**



**Your deposit is safe, because your landlord must give the money you pay to a deposit scheme.**

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**The scheme is free for you and your landlord.**



**You must make sure the rent is paid to your landlord.**



**If you get housing benefit, it is paid into your bank account at the end of each rent period.**



**You then pay your landlord the rent that is due.**

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**Your rent might be more than the housing benefit you get.**



**If that is the case, you will have to use your own money to pay the extra.**



**If you have trouble managing your money speak to the Council.**



**They can pay your housing benefit directly to your landlord.**

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