

FAIR RENTS:

There are rules which say how much money an employer may deduct from your wages to pay for housing which they provide for you. Shelter, whose website is at www.shelter.org.uk, will help you. The Citizens Advice Bureaux can also give free advice, and their website is at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

RENTAL AGREEMENTS and DEPOSITS:

You should have some type of agreement between you and the person who owns the house you live in. This might be called a contract or rental agreement. They may give you a rent book to keep a list of when you have paid them rent. Make sure that you always have proof of payments and of any deposit that you pay.

The UK law now says that any deposit should be held by a 3rd party, and not by the landlord. Ask Citizens Advice for details of this.