

Rent Deposit

7. a practical guide to keeping your rent deposit



What is a Rent Deposit Payment Scheme?

The Rent Deposit Payment Scheme aims to help homeless people or those threatened with homelessness who are in priority need, find decent, affordable homes.

A Rent Deposit Payment means that Wychavon District Council's Housing Needs Department will pay a Deposit and/or one months rent on your behalf.

The Rent Deposit will be paid to the Landlord by Wychavon District Council.

At the end of the Tenancy the Landlord will refund the payment to Wychavon District Council unless there are any claims against it, which should be notified to Wychavon District Council within the time allowed.

It also offers Landlords support with the Tenancy because we want to make sure that the Tenancy works for both the Tenant and the Landlord.

If the Landlord needs to make a claim for any arrears or damages that may have occurred, they will usually be paid within seven days of the receipt of the claim.

The Rent Deposit covers:

- Damage
- Breakages
- Rent Arrears
- Cleaning where required

The Council will only cover claims up to the value of the Deposit

What does the scheme offer Landlords?

- A guarantee to meet the deposit or deposit and one months rent.
- Assistance with Housing Benefit claims (if appropriate).
- The opportunity to re-let when your Tenant leaves.
- Fast payment of Rent Deposit - usually within seven days.
- One contact point for both Landlord & Tenant.
- Free advice to Landlords.
- The chance for you to meet the Tenants before you accept them.

How To Contact Us

If you need any further information on Rent Deposits please contact:

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