

# LIVING IN A SHARE HOUSE?



# You need an agreement

## Did you know?

If you rent part of a house or unit from another tenant – and they have a written tenancy agreement with the owner of the premises – then they are your head-tenant.

It is very important that you have a separate written agreement with your head-tenant. Without a written agreement, you will not have the protections of a tenant under NSW tenancy law.

If you are a head-tenant, having a separate written agreement means that the rules are clear and any disputes with other tenants can be resolved formally.

Note that a head-tenant needs written consent from their landlord to sub-let to another person. A landlord must not unreasonably refuse to give consent.

## Secure your tenancy

**Step 1** – Write up your own agreement

**Step 2** – Sign the agreement and give it to your head-tenant to sign. Keep a copy for yourself.

## Download a sample agreement:

[www.tenants.org.au/share-housing-agreement](http://www.tenants.org.au/share-housing-agreement)

## Need advice?

- > Visit [www.tenants.org.au](http://www.tenants.org.au) to find your local Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service
- > More information on share housing at: [sharehousing.org](http://sharehousing.org)

