

# Housing advice for tenant and landlord issues



## If you have been threatened with harassment or eviction

**Private landlords can sometimes try to get tenants to leave their properties without going through the correct process.**

Most residential occupiers have legal rights to protect them against harassment and illegal eviction. This is called the Protection from Eviction Act 1977, which makes it a criminal offence to harass or unlawfully evict a tenant.

The effect of this is that a tenant can continue to remain in the accommodation until the landlord has sought legal possession through the county court. Anyone convicted of harassment or illegal eviction could face a prison sentence of up to two years and an unlimited fine.

If you are experiencing this, email [@homelessprevention@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:homelessprevention@hillington.gov.uk) or call  01895 556666 as soon as possible to discuss the options available to you.

