

Information for tenants

ARE YOU LIVING IN A PRIVATELY RENTED PROPERTY?

If so, please read this, as it may apply to you!

The law has changed concerning large houses where people who are not related live together and share facilities (like kitchens and/or bathrooms, etc.).

Certain houses in this category may need to be LICENSED by the Council.

As of April 2006 the law requires that all properties which are 3 floors or more in height (and this can include properties which have shops, offices, etc., occupying 1 or more floors), have 5 or more people, who do not live in one household (i.e. usually not related to each other) and share some facilities, such as kitchens, common rooms, bathrooms, etc., and are not owned by a Housing Association or Trust (also known as Registered Social Landlords or RSLs), then these properties must be LICENSED by the local authority.

If you are unsure whether the property you live in needs to be licensed then please contact:

The Private Sector Housing Team
01932 425886 or 01932 425888
E-mail Address: Housing@runnymede.gov.uk

Remember properties which have:

- 3 STOREYS OR MORE;
- 5 PEOPLE OR MORE, IN MORE THAN ONE HOUSEHOLD;
- SHARED FACILITIES.

Will need to be licensed!

Be licensed be safe!