



Housing Options Service

Illegal Eviction

In order for a Landlord to evict you, there is a legal procedure that must be followed. If you are evicted by your Landlord and they haven't followed the correct procedure this will be deemed as an Illegal Eviction.

Try to negotiate with your Landlord - If they are not prepared to let you back into the property you can advise them that you will take further action.

If you have been illegally evicted you still have rights to live at the property. The Environmental Health Department will be able to help you.

Environmental Health - How they can help

- Can negotiate with your landlord;
- Will warn your landlord of the potential consequences of illegal eviction
- Help you to get back into your home after an illegal eviction.
- They also have the power to prosecute landlords who illegally evict tenants.

The Courts

- In some circumstances the Courts have the power to give you an emergency injunction. This means that your Landlord **MUST** allow you back into your home.

The Police

- Unless the eviction is violent, the Police are unlikely to get involved. However, it is still worth reporting the eviction incase you need evidence at a later stage.

If the Environmental Health Department can confirm that you are unable to access the property the Housing Options Service may be able to offer you temporary accommodation, depending on your individual circumstances. This will be discussed with you during your Housing Options Interview.

If you do re-gain entry to your home you may not feel safe or comfortable there following the eviction. During your interview with Housing Options you will be given advice on various Housing Providers and how to secure alternative, affordable accommodation.