

NO ONE WANTS A PROBLEM TENANT

#10 TIPS FOR LANDLORDS

1. Don't want the hassle of referencing the tenant yourself? You can go through a referencing company or letting agent. Check out www.allagents.co.uk for reviews about agents.

2. Check their identity – obtain copies of their passport, driving licence etc.

3. Check their immigration status – you could be fined if your tenant does not have a right to reside in the UK or their right expires when they are your tenant.

4. Make sure they can afford the rent – check their bank statement.

5. Are they employed? Get their payslips, and contact their employer to check.

6. Are they self-employed? Obtain certified accounts.

7. Get a guarantor – check their accounts. Make sure they are a homeowner and check their name against at the land registry.

8. Get a reference from a previous landlord. Call the landlord to check they are genuine. Check their name on the land registry to see if they are the property owner.

9. Get to know your neighbours. Go around and introduce yourself. If anything goes wrong in the future then they will likely tell you.

10. See your property as a long term investment – don't be in a rush to get a new tenant. Make sure you get a good tenant!



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