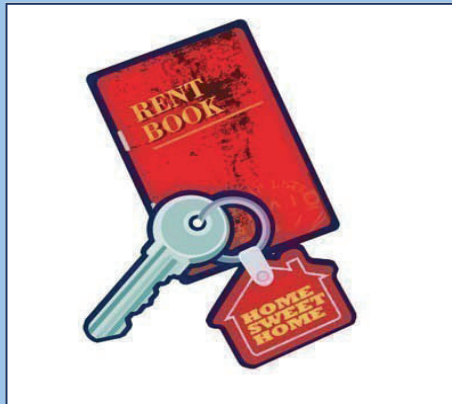


# Tips on Accessing Private Rented Accommodation



# It is important for the landlord that you

- \* Keep the house secure and clean
- \* Pay rent on time
- \* Be friendly and mannerly with your neighbours, the same as you would like to be treated

Think about these points before speaking to a landlord and tell them these are your intentions.

If you are looking for private rented accommodation, read through the following tips.



## Looking for a house

### Preparation

- \* Check adverts from local newspapers, noticeboards in shops, check online
- \* Get in touch with the Ennis CDP drop-in centre
- \* Decide how much rent you can pay and by what payment method the rent will be paid. In many cases the landlord will prefer you to pay rent and bills by direct debit.

### When you ring the landlord for the first time



- \* Be polite, open, honest and genuine
- \* Tell them about your situation so that they get to know you: Were you renting before? Why did your lease end? Is this your first time renting? Are you married? Have you children?
- \* Tell them that you will look after and care for the house or apartment

## When you meet the landlord for the first time



- \* Meeting a landlord is similar to a job interview, the first impression you give is very important => dress well
- \* Be very polite, shake hands, say your name, introduce your partner, keep eye contact
- \* Praise the house, ask questions about the house, ask the landlord if there is anything you need to know about the house before moving in, show interest, be chatty
- \* Be prepared to answer any questions about yourself, pets, visitors, noise, car parking





## For Further Help and Information

### contact:

**(1) Ennis CDP Drop-In Service**

Unit 2 Clonroad Business Park, Clonroad,  
Ennis, Co Clare

Monday & Thursday, 11.00am - 1.00pm

Phone No 065 - 6869026

**(2) Ennis Citizens Information Centre**

Bindon Lane, Bank Place, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Tel: 076 – 1075260

email: [ennis@citinfo.ie](mailto:ennis@citinfo.ie)

**(3) Tenants should note that **Threshold (Housing Advice)** provides a free advocacy service for tenants, on 01–6786096, [www.threshold.ie](http://www.threshold.ie).**

## Keep in Mind

You may only get one chance to impress a landlord or agent, so the first impression is very important. The homeowner may have preconceived ideas about certain groups of people, this is your opportunity to change that!



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