

The Knowsley Bond Scheme

– a guide for tenants

The Bond scheme helps vulnerable people in Knowsley who are looking for housing in the private rented sector

What is a Bond?

Instead of a deposit, we provide a Bond. This is an agreement between the council and your landlord that the council cover damages or loss of rent. The scheme also provides support to the landlord and tenant to help create a successful tenancy.

How does the Bond work?

The Bond will cover the deposit required by your landlord, up to a set amount. It will usually last for 12 months from the start of the tenancy.

At the end of the Bond period, your landlord may be able to renew your tenancy without a Bond or other cash deposit. If your landlord does require a deposit, we can help you to arrange this and can give you advice about the Government's deposit protection schemes.

Am I eligible for a Bond?

Not everybody is eligible for a Bond. We will assess your case to decide if you are eligible. To apply for a Bond, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- 🏠 **Be homeless or at risk of homelessness through events that were not your fault**
- 🏠 **Have a local connection to Knowsley**
- 🏠 **Have no history of eviction for rent arrears or anti-social behaviour**
- 🏠 **Not be able to afford to pay a deposit out of savings or income**

How do I apply for a Bond?

Contact the Housing Options Service. We will decide if you are eligible and discuss your application with you. If you are accepted, we will help you find a property and arrange the Bond with the landlord.





Contact Us

Housing Options Service

Tel: 0800 694 0280

9am – 5pm Mon – Fri (9am – 4pm Wednesday)

(An out of hours service is available on this number in an emergency)

You can also get this information in other languages and formats.
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