

# Tenant Healthy Homes Checklist

Check your rental home



## HOW TO USE THIS CHECKLIST

You don't need to know the technical details of the Healthy Homes Standards to do this check. Walk through your home and note anything that doesn't seem right using this checklist. If you notice a problem, let your landlord or property manager know. This checklist helps you spot any potential issues. It does not determine whether your home legally meets the Healthy Homes Standards.

## HEATING

- ☐ Is there a fixed heater in the main living room/main living area?
- ☐ Does the heater work as expected?
- ☐ Does the room seem difficult to heat, even when the heater is on?

**Note: A heater must be an acceptable type and have sufficient heating capacity to meet the requirements of the heating standard. A visual check alone cannot confirm compliance.**

## INSULATION

You may not be able to see the insulation. Don't enter roof spaces or go underneath your home to check it, unless it's safe to do so.

- ☐ Do you know whether the home has ceiling insulation?
- ☐ Do you know whether the home has underfloor insulation, if applicable?
- ☐ Have you noticed any insulation that is visibly damaged or out of place in an area you can safely see?
- ☐ Do you have information about the home's insulation in your tenancy documents?

**Note: If you don't know, that's okay. Your landlord or property manager may be able to provide more information.**

## VENTILATION — WINDOWS AND DOORS

- ☐ Can the windows, doors or skylights in your living room, dining room, kitchen and bedrooms open to the outside?
- ☐ Are any of them broken or difficult to open?
- ☐ Can they stay open in a fixed position?

## VENTILATION — KITCHEN

- ☐ Is there an extractor fan or another ventilation system?
- ☐ Does the fan or ventilation system work as expected, if there is one?

## VENTILATION — BATHROOM(S)

- ☐ Is there an extractor fan or another ventilation system?
- ☐ Does the fan or ventilation system work as expected, if there is one?

**Note: The fan or ventilation system must meet specific requirements. Its presence or operation does not confirm compliance.**

## MOISTURE AND DRAINAGE

- ☐ Are there any signs of mould or persistent dampness?
- ☐ Are there any water stains on walls or ceilings?
- ☐ Have you noticed any leaks or water entering the home?
- ☐ Does water pool around the property after rain?
- ☐ Have you noticed any signs of water collecting underneath the home, if you can safely observe this?

**Note: These signs may indicate a problem that needs further assessment.**

## DRAUGHTS

- ☐ Can you feel any noticeable draughts around the home?
- ☐ Have you noticed any gaps or holes around doors, windows, walls or floors, etc.?
- ☐ Is there an unused fireplace or chimney that appears to let in cold air?

**Note: Unreasonable gaps or holes that cause noticeable draughts must be addressed under the draught-stopping standard.**

## IF YOU FIND A PROBLEM

- ☐ Take a photo, if you are able to do it safely.
- ☐ Tell your landlord or property manager in writing.
- ☐ Keep a record of when you reported the issue.
- ☐ Keep any responses or repair information.

**You don't need to determine whether your home is legally compliant. Your landlord or property manager is responsible for meeting the Healthy Homes requirements, subject to any relevant exemptions.**

## NOT SURE?

That's okay. You don't need to know technical details such as:

- Heater capacity
- Insulation R-values or thickness
- Extractor fan airflow
- Building consent details

**If you don't know something, simply select "Not sure" when using Warmly's Free Healthy Homes Compliance Checker. Your tenancy agreement must include a statement about the property's current level of compliance. You can also ask your landlord or property manager for the relevant Healthy Homes compliance information.**