



Report anonymously. Help your community.

Illegal subletting of social housing is tenancy fraud, and it's harmful to your community.

If you know or suspect someone committing tenancy fraud, you can tell us **in confidence**. Other families need homes.



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What is tenancy fraud?

There are lots of different ways someone can be committing tenancy fraud. The most common types are:

- ◆ When a social housing tenant has rented out the whole of their property and they are not living there themselves, ie. the property is not their only or main property.
- ◆ When someone tries to take over a tenancy after the tenant's death and they are not entitled to do so. This may involve a person claiming to have lived with the deceased tenant before their death, when in fact they lived elsewhere.
- ◆ When someone has or is attempting to get social housing based on false information they have already provided, eg. someone failing to declare they already own a property.
- ◆ When a tenant fails to disclose information or knowingly provides false information when applying to buy a property under the Right to Buy scheme. This includes not living in the property as their only or main home.

What action can we take?

We take tenancy fraud very seriously. The action we take will depend on the type and scale of the fraud committed. Some of the options available to us include:

- ◆ Possession orders to recover the property and evict the tenant who has committed fraud. Someone who has been evicted because they committed tenancy fraud is very unlikely to be given a social housing tenancy again.
- ◆ Criminal prosecution, usually under The Fraud Act 2006 or The Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013. This can result in a prison sentence.

Report it

If you have any information about tenancy fraud, you can report it anonymously to us so we can investigate it.

Please note we can investigate:

- ◆ Housing tenancy fraud in relation to social housing. For advice in relation to privately rented accommodation please visit **www.manchester.gov.uk/homes**
- ◆ Any allegations of housing tenancy fraud where the tenancy address is in the Manchester City Council area. You can check your local authority area at **www.gov.uk/find-local-council**. If you live outside of the Manchester City Council boundaries, report fraud to your own local authority.

Report online at **www.manchester.gov.uk/tenancy-fraud**



or speak to your housing provider.



