



Our commitments to strengthen Renters' Rights

10 Actions to Make Life Better for Renters

1 Build 25,000 affordable rental homes over a 5-year term.

Using an approach borrowed from European countries, we will provide Affordable Rental Housing at average rates of:

- €1,200 per month in Dublin
- €1,000 per month in the rest of the country

2 Introduce a three-year rent freeze

Rents in Ireland are among the highest in Europe - we need real action to make renting more affordable. There should be a ban on rent increases for at least three years.

3 Introduce a 'Reference Rent' system

As recommended by the Housing Commission, Rent Pressure Zones should be replaced by a system that pegs rents to a 'reference rent' for local dwellings of similar size and quality.

4 Establish a Deposit Protection Scheme

Many renters experience difficulties in having their deposits returned to them.

A scheme where the deposit would be held by the Private Residential Tenancies Board will help protect the rights of tenants.

5 Ban vulture funds buying up existing homes

There is no good reason to allow investment funds buy up existing houses and apartments.

It drives up rents, increases house prices, locks out first time buyers, and provides zero additional homes.

6 End 'no-fault evictions'

Tenants who pay their rent and are not in breach of their rental agreement should not be subject to arbitrary eviction.

'No-fault evictions' must end.

7 Clamp down on illegal short-term lets

We will fund local authorities to enforce planning rules around short-term lets, to increase the availability of homes for rent.

8 Make 'Sex for Rent' a criminal offence

We must protect vulnerable renters from exploitation by predatory landlords.

9 Empower Gardaí to intervene in illegal evictions

Renters have a right to feel safe in their home. It should be the responsibility of An Garda Síochána to intervene when somebody is attempting to illegally throw them out on the street.

10 Create a Rent Register to clamp down on illegal rent increases

There is a complete lack of transparency around rents.

A Rent Register would allow people to compare and contrast rent levels, expose attempts at price gouging, and boost clarity for tenants.