

# Support for renters and those wanting to buy a house

This information sheet provides details on agencies, initiatives or resources to support:

- the health and wellbeing of renters and tenants – for a healthier home and a stable tenancy; and
- owning your own home.

<b>Anglican Advocacy</b> Provides one-on-one support and advocacy for tenants.	<a href="mailto:bridgette@anglicancare.org.nz">bridgette@anglicancare.org.nz</a>
<b>Community Law</b> Provides information and FREE legal advice or support around tenancy and housing issues.	<a href="http://communitylaw.org.nz/community-law-manual/chapter-26-tenancy-and-housing/tenancy-and-housing">communitylaw.org.nz/community-law-manual/chapter-26-tenancy-and-housing/tenancy-and-housing</a>
<b>Consumer NZ</b> Get tips from their renter's guide to a warmer home.	<a href="http://www.consumer.org.nz/topics/renters-guide-to-a-warmer-home">www.consumer.org.nz/topics/renters-guide-to-a-warmer-home</a>
<b>Emergency Housing (Ministry for Social Development)</b> Get in touch for short-term accommodation if you can't stay where you are or have nowhere to go.	0800 559 009 <a href="http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/housing/nowhere-to-stay/emergency-housing/index.html">www.workandincome.govt.nz/housing/nowhere-to-stay/emergency-housing/index.html</a>
<b>Good Homes</b> A research programme looking at housing issues for older people in Aotearoa. Has handy guides on renting in later life and renting to older tenants.	<a href="http://renting.goodhomes.co.nz/tools-for-you-renting">renting.goodhomes.co.nz/tools-for-you-renting</a>
<b>Habitat for Humanity</b> Provides support for progressive home ownership as well as social rentals and a curtain bank.	<a href="http://habitat.org.nz/what-we-do/habitat-in-nz">habitat.org.nz/what-we-do/habitat-in-nz</a>
<b>Healthy Home Standards</b> Check that your rental meets the legal standards.	<a href="http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/about-tenancyservices/news/healthy-homes-standardsfinalised">www.tenancy.govt.nz/about-tenancyservices/news/healthy-homes-standardsfinalised</a>
<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Helps with First Home Grants and supports progressive home ownership.	<a href="http://kaingaora.govt.nz/en/NZ/home-ownership">kaingaora.govt.nz/en/NZ/home-ownership</a>
<b>Link People</b> Provides housing advice and tenancy management in Christchurch and Waimakariri.	<a href="http://www.linkpeople.co.nz/christchurch-and-waimakariri">www.linkpeople.co.nz/christchurch-and-waimakariri</a>
<b>NZ Housing Foundation</b> Runs Rent to Own and Shared Ownership programmes.	<a href="http://www.nzhf.org">www.nzhf.org</a>
<b>Renters United</b> Organises renters and campaigns to make renting better for everyone.	<a href="http://rentersunited.org.nz">rentersunited.org.nz</a>
<b>Settled</b> Get help through the process of buying a home.	<a href="http://www.settled.govt.nz">www.settled.govt.nz</a>
<b>Sustaining Tenancies</b> Works with tenants with tenancies at risk for any reason	<a href="mailto:referral@sustainingtenancieschch.co.nz">referral@sustainingtenancieschch.co.nz</a>

<b>Tamaiti Healthy Homes Initiative</b> Supports people with children to have a healthy home.	<a href="http://www.tat.org.nz/tamaiti-healthy-homes">www.tat.org.nz/tamaiti-healthy-homes</a> <a href="http://tepuawaitanga.maori.nz/A-Z%20Programmes%20&amp;%20Services/tamaiti-healthy-homes">tepuawaitanga.maori.nz/A-Z%20Programmes%20&amp;%20Services/tamaiti-healthy-homes</a>
<b>Tenants Protection Agency (TPA)</b> Get in touch for any queries you might have about renting.	<a href="http://www.tpa.org.nz">www.tpa.org.nz</a> 0800 836 262
<b>Tenancy Services Compliance and Investigations Team</b> This team monitors and enforces compliance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. Get in touch if there is a breach in your tenancy	<a href="http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/about-tenancy-services/compliance-team/contact-compliance-team">www.tenancy.govt.nz/about-tenancy-services/compliance-team/contact-compliance-team</a>

Contact the Housing Health Promoter at Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health for more details on this information sheet (03 364 1777).