



Private Accommodation:

All the Accommodation offered through Chichester College is managed by the College accommodation team. We would recommend you use the College's Accommodation as this follows strict guidelines to ensure your comfort and safety. This will help you to get the most out of your College experience and for those international students you will find more benefits from being around other students/ host providers and being able to practise your English with others.

However if you prefer to find your own accommodation privately, here are a few tips and contact details you may find useful:

Before you sign:

Be safe, do not go on your own to view a property, take a friend. It is also useful to get a second opinion.

Be sure you are happy with the accommodation, the contract and price before you sign anything. make sure you have read the contract thoroughly before you sign it. If you can ask a friend or relative to also read it through. Once you have signed it is very difficult to get out of the contract.

Make sure you know what you are signing up to - know your rights as a tenant.

Useful contact details:

National Union of Students has a page on housing advice - visit their website on <https://readytorent.nus.org.uk/>

Chichester District council has a page on housing advice and standards
Visit their website on <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/adviceandstandards>
or call 01243 785166. They also have a team of environmental health housing officers who will be able to help if the property is in poor condition. You can also email them on accreditation@chichester.gov.uk

There has been a tenancy deposit scheme in England since 2007. For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/tenancy-deposit-protection> or call 0845 609 0696

If you run into problems contact your local Citizens advice bureau - the local Chichester one can be called on 01243 7842312 or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk

We are here to help and if you have any questions regarding private accommodation please ask in the student centre.

In College managed accommodation you will have a positive experience of living in either a host family or the halls and learning about the British culture and improving your English language skills.

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