

## What happens to a tenancy following a family break-up?

If a tenant's relationship with their spouse or partner breaks down and they can no longer live together, they may become involved in a dispute about which of them will remain in the property. If this happens, they should seek independent legal advice regarding their occupancy rights.

The laws surrounding this matter are complex but tenants should note that in the case of divorce or where there are children involved, the courts can decide who keeps the tenancy and it is not always necessarily the tenant but sometimes the tenant's spouse who is awarded the tenancy.