

Housing rights in a relationship breakdown can be complicated and you may need to seek legal advice from the a Solicitor, Shelter or your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Your rights will depend on your relationship status and whether you are a tenant, the spouse of a tenant, a joint tenant or the partner of a tenant. This leaflet gives you some guidance on your rights, but you should contact a Solicitor, Shelter or your local CAB for detailed advice on your specific circumstances.

Willow Tree Housing Partnership Limited (WTHP) is unable to provide advice to you about your rights or to mediate between you and your partner.

Can I stay in my home?

If you are a tenant, joint tenant or are the spouse (including civil partnership) of a tenant you have the right to remain in your home following a relationship breakdown. Your rights will depend on your tenancy.

If you are a partner of the tenant but not married or a civil partner, you would normally not have a right to remain in your home and should seek legal advice.

Who gets the tenancy?

WTHP will not make any decision about who gets the tenancy when a relationship breaks down. This is for the tenant(s) and their spouse (including civil partnerships) to decide.

If you and your ex-partner/ spouse can agree who is getting the tenancy, WTHP may be able to help with the legal paperwork to make the transfer.

If you cannot agree who is to get the tenancy then you will need to seek legal advice on how the tenancy will be given to one or other of the parties.

Can I stop my ex from coming into my home?

If your ex-partner is not a tenant and you were not married or in a civil partnership, then you can exclude them from your home. If you are joint tenants or were married or in a civil partnership you have no legal right to exclude them from your home.

Domestic Violence

If you have been suffering from domestic violence, coercive control (a pattern of intimidation, degradation, isolation and control with the use or threat of physical or sexual violence), sexual violence, psychological abuse, harassment, financial abuse or online abuse, you should contact us for additional help.

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