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Know Your Rights – BC RTA Guide

SERIES #1: TENANT RIGHTS & PROTECTIONS

Understanding Your Rental Agreement

Quick Overview

Before signing any lease or rental agreement, it's crucial to understand your rights and responsibilities as a tenant in British Columbia. This guide covers the essential protections available to you under the Residential Tenancy Act.

Your Key Rights

Right to a Habitable Rental Unit

Your landlord must maintain the property in a safe, clean, and livable condition with working utilities, plumbing, and heating.

Right to Privacy

Your landlord must provide 24 hours' notice (48 hours in some cases) before entering your unit for legal reasons only.

Protection from Arbitrary Eviction

Your landlord cannot evict you without proper cause and legal notice as outlined in the Residential Tenancy Act.

Rent Control Protections

Rent increases are limited to the annual allowed percentage, and landlords must provide proper notice before any increase.

Checklist: Before You Sign

- Verify all terms are clearly stated in writing (rent amount, lease duration,