

## **BOARDERS AND LODGERS: Who is exposed to dodgy landlords?**

**Renters are legally protected if they are classified, legally, as a “tenant”. If you are found to not be a tenant, you don’t have the rights enshrined in the Residential Tenancies Act. Accessing your few legal rights can be costly, complicated and uncertain.**

<b>Your living arrangements...</b>	<b>If you answer</b>	<b>You ...</b>
Do you have meals, linen and cleaning provided as part of your agreement?	YES	are not a tenant
	NO	May be a tenant
Do you have a lock on your room and/or does the landlord need your permission to enter your room	YES	May be a tenant
	NO	May not be a tenant
Do you have your own cooking or meal preparation facilities	YES	May be a tenant
	NO	May not be a tenant
Are there restrictive house rules, such as restricting your right to have visitors	YES	May not be a tenant
	NO	May be a tenant
Do you have a written agreement	YES	May be a tenant
If you live in share housing and are not living with the owner, do you have a written agreement with the head tenant	YES	May be a tenant
	NO	are NOT a tenant