

INTRODUCTION TO TENANCY FRAUD

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QUIZ QUESTION 1

- Which type of tenancy fraud is most prevalent in your community?
- Illegal Subletting
- False Applications
- Wrongful Succession
- Abandonment
- Living with a partner elsewhere

QUIZ QUESTION 2

- What is tenancy fraud?
- A) Legal use of public housing
- B) Illegal use of public housing by someone not entitled to it
- C) Only related to not paying rent on time
- D) None of the above

WHAT IS TENANCY FRAUD?

- Definition: Tenancy fraud is the illegal use of public housing by individuals who are not entitled to it.
- The legal implications of tenancy fraud.
- The social housing fraud act
- Ethical concerns surrounding the misuse of public resources.

TYPES OF TENANCY FRAUD

- Common Forms of Tenancy Fraud
- Illegal Subletting: Renting out public housing without permission.
- False Applications: Providing false information to acquire housing.
- Wrongful Succession: Claiming the right to succeed a tenancy without legitimate entitlement.
- Abandonment: Leaving a property empty while retaining tenancy rights.

IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

- How Tenancy Fraud Affects Everyone
- Strain on Housing Resources: Fewer available homes for eligible families.
- Limiting Housing Availability: Prolonged waiting times for housing applicants.
- - Unfair to Genuine Applicants: Deprives legitimate applicants of their right to housing.
- - Linked to ASB and organised crime

OTHER DISCUSSIONS AND TRAINING

- Tenancy verification visits
- Proactive v reactive
- The NFI
- Internal fraud connections
- Social Housing Fraud Act
- Whistleblowing and community engagement