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Prevention booklet

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Date: _____

Your contact details

Name: _____





Your prevention officer's contact details

Name: _____





What do you want to do?



I want to stay in my home



I want to obtain housing advice



I want to find a new home

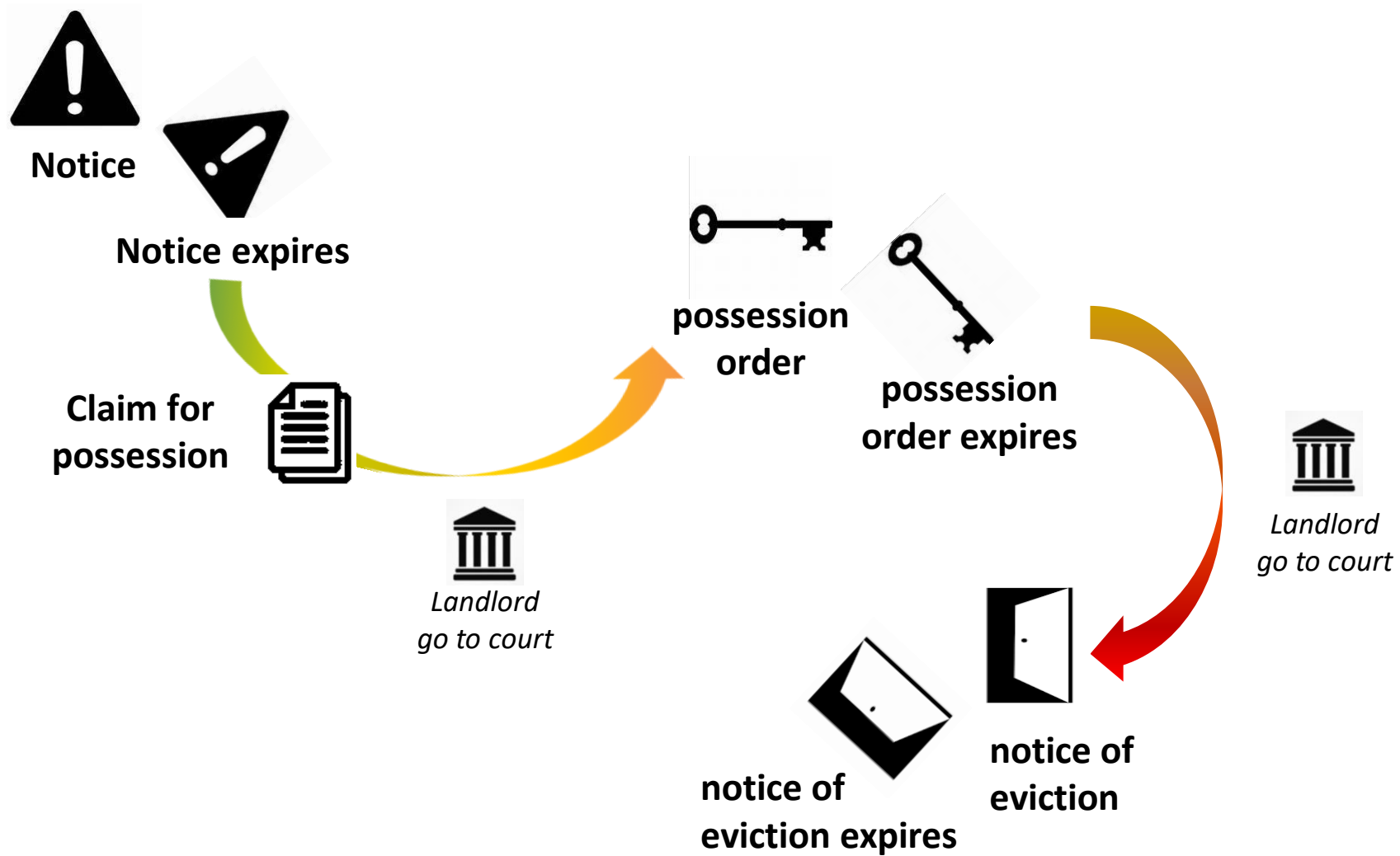


I want to _____

Signature: _____

Notes

What do you need to know?



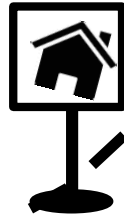
I understood my legal rights to remain in my property and that I will receive protection from eviction

What are your roads?



If you satisfy the criteria you may...

Stop1: Emergency Accommodation



What families say

"Every time we move it is not good for my son, because we have moved about two or three times and it disturbs him."



Stop2: Temporary Accommodation

What national reports say

Half of the families reported visiting their doctor more frequently since no stability increased depression and anxiety.



What real facts show

Most of the applications ended up in a private rented house close to Croydon



What real facts show

Most of the families have spent months or years in temporary accommodation

What will you do next?



I will search for private sector housing on my own and ask for housing benefits



I will wait to be located in a Shared and Temporary Accommodation



I will

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What will you do next?



I will search for private sector housing on my own and ask for housing benefits



I will calculate my welfare & benefits



I will complete my budget plan



I will inform my prevention officer when I receive the claim form pack from court



I will wait to be located in a Shared and Temporary Accommodation

Did you know?

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- A list of council registered landlords is available for you
- The website www.homefinderuk.org helps you to find a home that better matches your financial circumstances
- You can register on London Housing Association for shared ownership at www.lqgroup.org.uk
- Private rented homes outside the borough may be bigger, cheaper and only a short ride away by train! Check the Local Housing Allowance at the direct gov website at www.lha-direct.voa.go.aspx

- www.croydon.entitledto.co.uk allows you to estimate your housing benefit and universal credit based on you residing in the new property

- You can fill your budget at www.budget.entitledto.co.uk/croydon to find how much you have left over each month (insert the monthly rent for the new property in the rent column). If it is in deficit (shows red) the property is not affordable and you will need to look for another affordable property
- Advice on how to increase your income is available online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk under budgeting

- The council may be able to negotiate with your landlord for you to stay in your current home
- The council will arrange for a visiting officer to come to your home

- Tenants in a Shared and Temporary Accommodations reported to the Council that their health, privacy and sleep were being badly affected and their children's education damaged

What will you next?

My action plan

1	
2	
3	
4	

I understand that only properties within £ **pcm** are affordable for me

Your prevention officer action plan

1	
2	
3	

Did you know?

Council registered landlords

To be filled

What do I need to provide to my prevention officer to apply for a deposit & rent in advance once I have found a property?



My check list

- 3 months bank statement
- Pdf of the "entitled to" document
- Estate agency/Landlord name and contact details

- Full property address

- Monthly rent £ _____ pcm
- Deposit + rent in advance
£ _____ + £ _____

Take away tip!

Did you know that there are affordable properties nearby... (This part TBC)

London Borough of Sutton	Only xx miles away from Croydon	LHA....
London Borough of Bromley	Only xx miles away from Croydon	LHA....
Redhill	Only xx miles away from Croydon	LHA....

