

Important Information

Have you been offered help with Right to Buy (RTB) and Right to Acquire (RTA)?

Beware of companies offering you money for any deal involving buying your home. Such deals may look attractive but in the long run may leave you without funds to buy a new home. There have been cases where tenants accepting a deal have found themselves homeless or left with a large unexpected bill.

Recently a tenant signed an application form for a RTB using a nominated company and then withdrew the application after receiving a valuation on their property. They are now facing a bill for £1,750 for a credit agreement that they did not know they signed. They believed they had been sold insurance cover.

Before you go ahead with a RTB or RTA make sure you understand how the deal will affect you in the long run. Read the terms and conditions, including the small print. Resist any pressure to agree on the spot.

If you are approached by a person or company offering to help you buy your home, check out what's in it for them and feel free to talk to CHP before signing up to any deal.

If you need advice on any aspect of the Right to Buy or Acquire schemes please ask CHP first, 01245 613102. If you need help in completing forms you are welcome to visit Atholl House, 65a Duke Street, Chelmsford.

Right to Buy (RTB) and Right to Acquire (RTA) application packs, including application forms, are available free from CHP.

