

# Unicorn Property Services Ltd - Privacy Policy

This notice explains what information we collect, when **we** collect it and how **we** use this. During the course of our activities, we will process personal data (which may be held on paper, electronically, or otherwise) about you and we recognise the need to treat it in an appropriate and lawful manner. The purpose of this notice is to make you aware of how we will handle your information.

## **Who are we?**

Our Company, Unicorn Property Services Ltd, let and manage property primarily in the Southampton Area. We take the issue of security and data protection very seriously and strictly adhere to guidelines published in the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 which is applicable from the 25th May 2018, together with any domestic laws subsequently enacted.

We are registered as a Data Controller with the Office of the Information Commissioner under registration number **ZA246462** and we are the data controller of any personal data that you provide to us. Our Data Protection Officer is Mr G Rothwell. Any questions relating to this notice and our privacy practices should be sent to [info@unicornproperty.co.uk](mailto:info@unicornproperty.co.uk)

## **How do we collect information from you and what information do we collect?**

We collect information about you:

- From your application for accommodation, which may be a paper form or sent by email.

We collect the following information about you:

- Tenant name, e-mail address, telephone number Date of Birth, address (including any previous addresses), marital status, National Insurance Number, nationality, next of kin, name of university or college where you are studying & duration of your course (if applicable), the name of friends that you are staying with (if applicable);
- Guarantor name, e-mail address, telephone number, Date of Birth, address (including any previous addresses), marital status, National Insurance Number, nationality, next of kin (if applicable);
- Property address; term, rent, deposit, utility and service responsibilities;
- The employment status of tenants and/or guarantors, address, contact details (including email, phone and fax numbers) of the employer/accountant, payroll numbers, length of employment, salary information (including any regular overtime or commission), and any other income received;
- Bank account details of the tenant, including account number and sort code, and any hire purchase/loan agreements/credit cards or store cards that you have; and
- Any welfare benefits that you may be eligible for, or are currently on, if applicable.

## **Why do we need this information about you and how it will be used?**

We need your information and will use your information:

- to undertake and perform our obligations and duties to you in accordance with the terms of our contract with you;
- to enable us to supply you with the services and information which you have requested;
- to help you to manage your tenancy;
- to carry out due diligence on any prospective tenant, including whether there is any money judgements against them, or any history of bankruptcy or insolvency;
- to analyse the information we collect so that we can administer, support and improve and develop our business and the services we offer;
- to contact you in order to send you details of any changes to our supplies which may affect you; and
- for all other purposes consistent with the proper performance of our operations and business.

## **Sharing of Your Information**

The information you provide to us will be treated by me as confidential and will be processed only by any third party, acting on my behalf, usually within the UK/EEA. We may disclose your information to other third parties who act for us for the purposes set out in this notice or for purposes approved by you, including the following:

- If I/we enter into a joint venture with or merged with a business entity, your information may be disclosed to our new business partners or owners;
- To carry out due diligence on you as a prospective tenant/ guarantor, including but not limited to the carrying out of affordability checks, due diligence checks and the obtaining of references from relevant parties, whose data you have provided;
- If you request so, your information shall be disclosed in order to determine if there are any money judgements against you, as the prospective tenant/guarantor, or to determine if they have a history of bankruptcy or insolvency;
- If you are unable to make payments under your tenancy, your information may be disclosed to any relevant party assisting in the recovery of this debt or the tracing of you as a tenant; and
- In the creation, renewal or termination of the tenancy, your information will be disclosed to the relevant local authority, tenancy deposit scheme administrator, service/utility provider, freeholder, factor, facilities manager or any other relevant person or organisation in connection with this.
- Your information will be used by [gocardless.com](https://www.gocardless.com) to collect your rent payments – the servers are in some cases located outside EEA but in countries with similar protections.
- We store information about you on [Landlordvision.co.uk](https://www.landlordvision.co.uk) an online data processing and accounts package – the servers are all located in UK/ EEA.

Unless required to do so by law, I/we will not otherwise share, sell or distribute any of the information you provide to me/ us without your consent.

## **Transfers outside the UK and Europe**

We may transfer your information outside the UK and/or EEA as some servers that store payments data are located outside the EEA. Where information is transferred outside the UK or EEA, we ensure that there are adequate safeguards in place to protect your information in accordance with this notice.

## **Security**

When you give us information we take steps to make sure that your personal information is kept secure and safe. Your digital data is password protected and our partners protect your payment details with 128 bit encryption and SSL.

## **How long will we keep your information?**

We review our data retention periods regularly and will only hold your personal data for as long as is necessary for the relevant activity, or as required by law (We may be legally required to hold some types of information), or as set out in any relevant contract I have with you. Our full retention schedule is available at our offices. Please email [info@unicornproperty.co.uk](mailto:info@unicornproperty.co.uk) for further details.

## **Your Rights**

You have the right at any time to:

- ask for a copy of the information about you held by us in our records;
- require us to correct any inaccuracies in your information;
- object to receiving any marketing communications from us.

If you would like to exercise any of your rights above, please contact us at [info@unicornproperty.co.uk](mailto:info@unicornproperty.co.uk)

Should you wish to complain about the use of your information, We would ask that you contact us to resolve this matter in the first instance. You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office in relation to my/ our use of your information. The Information Commissioner's contact details are noted below:

### **England:**

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane  
Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

The accuracy of your information is important to us - please help us keep our records updated by informing us of any changes to your email address and other contact details.

## **Review of this Policy**

We keep this Policy under regular review. This Policy was last updated in 4th March 2018.