

Are you supplying safe water to your rental property?

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Landlords and estate agents have an obligation to keep their properties in good repair, and this may include provision of a safe water supply.

Most Victorians get their water from the state's water corporations through piped supply systems. These corporations are regulated by the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2003* to ensure the water they supply is fit for human consumption.

However, many Victorians, particularly those in rural and semi-rural areas, get their water from tanks, bores, rivers or streams, and these untreated sources are not regulated.

Under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, you may be responsible for ensuring that the water you supply to your rental property is safe.

This includes the supply of water that is safe for:

- drinking and food preparation
- use in the bathroom (teeth cleaning, showering and bathing)
- other activities that may result in the consumption of water.

For advice on your private water supply

Department of Health

- Read *Your private drinking water supply*, available online at <www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/downloads/your_private_drinking_water_supply.pdf>.
- Environmental Health Unit on 1300 761 874.

Your local Environmental Health Officer

For your local contact please refer to your local telephone directory or visit the Department of Planning and Community Development website at <www.dpcd.vic.gov.au>.

For more information about your rights and obligations as a landlord or estate agent

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