

PLEASE READ THIS ABOUT EVIDENCE!

Should you submit a claim?

- The Rent Disputes Tribunal does not hand down judgements in absentia when the party who fails to respond automatically loses a case, such that the complainant thus obtains what he is claiming.
- The Rent Disputes Tribunal must decide claims in accordance with the ordinary regulations relating to the weighing up of evidence. This means that we must make use of the information which we have received and decide cases on the basis of the probable facts.
- In order for the Tribunal to find in favour of your claim, you must therefore justify your claim and prove what you have written. Evidence is particularly important if you disagree about what has happened.
- Examples of evidence might be as follows:
 - signed moving in/out protocols,
 - photos,
 - written statements made by the parties and/or witnesses,
 - reports written by experts,
 - receipts,
 - serious written offers relating to the repair of damage/defects which have occurred, etc.
 - print-outs from the records of the enforcement officer relating to evictions which have been made
 - print-outs from online bank accounts relating to payments made.
- If you have several claims under the same case, you must separate these claims from each other. You cannot put all your claims together under one item or «principal sum», because different reasons and evidence often relate to different types of claims and these need to be decided in accordance with different rules. In order for the Rent Disputes Tribunal to decide a claim, it is important that you try to explain and prove each individual claim.

Should you send a response?

- If a claim has been made against you, it is important that you respond to the claim in writing, specifying whether or not you accept the claim(s) and justify such, and you should send us the evidence you have to support whatever you believe to be true.
- If your claim or response is incomplete, it will often take longer for your case to be processed because we will need to ask you for information. Furthermore, you will risk losing your case if you provide a poor explanation or evidence.

Further information is available on www.htu.no.