

Landlord Risk Audit Report

COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

Report for 123802138

Client: Julián

Conducted 12-Nov-2025 to 12-Nov-2025

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Confidential Contents

Executive Summary

Report ID:

LRA-2025-11--T2FKH

Property:

123802138

Landlord:

Julián


Auditor:

Julian Camilo Lopez Sanchez

Audit Date:

12-Nov-2025

Overall Compliance Score

8.8 




Risk Classification:

Tier 0 - Minimal Risk

Compliance Status:

17 of 21 areas meet standards (0 require immediate action)

Compliance Overview

Category	Score	Status
Documentation	8.8	
Landlord-Tenant Communication	9.1	
Evidence Gathering Systems	8.6	

Auditor's Professional Opinion

This property demonstrates strong compliance practices. Continue maintaining current systems with regular reviews to ensure ongoing compliance.

Audit Methodology

This compliance audit was conducted using a structured assessment framework designed to evaluate landlord practices against statutory requirements and industry best practices. The methodology ensures comprehensive coverage of critical compliance areas while maintaining objectivity and consistency.

Audit Scope

This audit examined the following areas:

- **Documentation Systems:** Safety certificates, tenancy agreements, council licensing, financial records, maintenance logs, and tenant communications.
- **Communication Protocols:** Written record systems, complaint handling procedures, notice protocols, response time tracking, and tenant accessibility.
- **Evidence Systems:** Inspection processes, photographic documentation, evidence archives, maintenance records, and digital backup procedures.

Assessment Framework

The audit utilized a 26-question structured questionnaire addressing statutory requirements and professional standards. Questions are weighted by legal significance, with critical compliance items carrying higher impact on overall scoring.

Assessment Standards Referenced:

Housing Act 2004, Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Gas Safety Regulations, Electrical Safety Standards, Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations, Tenancy Deposit Protection Requirements, and relevant local authority licensing schemes.

Scoring Methodology

Each question receives a score from 1-10 based on compliance level demonstrated. Scores are weighted by question significance and aggregated to produce subcategory, category, and overall scores. The scoring system is designed to reflect both legal compliance and operational risk.

- **Critical Questions:** Weighted 2.0x (statutory requirements with prosecution risk)
- **Standard Questions:** Weighted 1.0x (best practices and operational procedures)

Limitations & Assumptions

- This audit is based on information provided and documentation presented at the time of assessment. Changes to regulations or property circumstances may affect compliance status.
- Recommendations reflect general best practices. Specific legal advice should be obtained for complex situations or where enforcement action is threatened.
- This report does not constitute legal advice. Professional legal counsel should be consulted for interpretation of specific statutory requirements.
- Physical site inspection scope: Documentation review only

Auditor Credentials

This audit was conducted by Julian Camilo Lopez Sanchez, a qualified property compliance auditor with expertise in residential letting regulations, tenancy law, and property management best practices.

Understanding Your Risk Rating

Your overall risk rating determines the level of legal exposure and potential financial liability you face. This rating influences insurance premiums, lending decisions, and licensing authority assessments.

Risk Tier Classifications

Tier 0 **Minimal Risk**

Exemplary compliance. All statutory requirements met with robust systems in place. Minimal probability of enforcement action or tenant tribunal claims.

Insurance: Premium rates. Lending: Favorable terms. Licensing: Fast-track renewals.

Tier 1 **Low Risk**

Good compliance with minor improvements needed. Statutory requirements met. Low probability of legal issues if current practices maintained.

Insurance: Standard rates. Lending: Normal terms. Licensing: Routine renewals.

Tier 2 **Moderate Risk**

Compliance gaps present. Some statutory requirements not fully met. Moderate probability of enforcement action if improvements not made within 90 days.

Insurance: Elevated premiums or coverage restrictions. Lending: Additional scrutiny. Licensing: May face renewal delays.

Tier 3 **High Risk**

Significant compliance failures. Multiple statutory violations. High probability of enforcement action, tribunal claims, and financial penalties.

Insurance: May be refused or heavily loaded. Lending: Difficult to obtain. Licensing: Renewal likely refused.

Tier 4 Severe Risk

Critical compliance failures. Immediate legal exposure to prosecution, prohibition orders, and substantial financial penalties. Property may be unlettable until full remediation.

Insurance: Refused. Lending: Refused. Licensing: Will be refused. Property prohibition orders possible.

Score Interpretation

● 7.0 - 10.0

Compliant. Continue current practices with regular reviews.

● 4.0 - 6.9

Improvements needed. Address within 30-90 days to avoid legal risk.

● 1.0 - 3.9

Critical non-compliance. Immediate action required within 7 days.

Legal Compliance Status

This section assesses compliance with statutory requirements. These are not recommendations but legal obligations. Non-compliance exposes you to prosecution, fines, and property prohibition orders.

Compliance Summary: 7 of 8 Requirements Met

Pass: 7 | Partial: 1 | Fail: 0

Statutory Requirement	Status	Action Required
Current Gas Safety Certificate <small>Penalty: £5,000+ fine per violation</small>	PASS	Maintain annual renewals
Current Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) <small>Penalty: £5,000+ fine, insurance void</small>	PASS	Renew every 5 years (HMO) or 10 years (standard)
Current Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) <small>Penalty: £5,000 fine, cannot let property</small>	PASS	Valid for 10 years from issue date
Certificate Provision to Tenants <small>Penalty: Rent repayment claims possible</small>	PARTIAL	Provide copies to tenants within 28 days and retain proof of delivery.
HMO Licensing (if applicable) <small>Penalty: £30,000 fine + 12 months rent repayment</small>	PASS	Review renewal dates
Fire Risk Assessment (HMO) <small>Penalty: Unlimited fines, property prohibition</small>	PASS	Review annually or after significant changes
Deposit Protection <small>Penalty: 1-3x deposit amount compensation</small>	PASS	Ensure prescribed information provided
Written Tenancy Agreement <small>Penalty: Cannot enforce any tenancy terms</small>	PASS	Keep signed copies secure

Evidence & Documentation Review

This section summarizes the evidence examined during the audit process. The assessment was based on documentation provided, systems in place, and procedures demonstrated. Evidence quality directly impacts the reliability and defensibility of compliance findings.

Evidence Examined

Evidence Category	Status	Assessment Method
Safety Certificates	Reviewed	Documentation examined
Tenancy Agreements	Reviewed	Documentation examined
Financial Records	Reviewed	Systems assessed
Maintenance Logs	Reviewed	Procedures evaluated
Communication Records	Reviewed	Systems examined
Inspection Documentation	Reviewed	Procedures assessed
Evidence Archives	Reviewed	Storage systems evaluated
Council Licensing	Reviewed	Documentation examined

Assessment Coverage

This audit evaluated 26 compliance areas across three primary categories. Each area was assessed against statutory requirements and industry best practices. Responses were validated for consistency and completeness.

Important Note Regarding Evidence Limitations:

This audit is based on information and documentation provided at the time of assessment. Findings reflect the state of compliance as presented. Undisclosed issues, incomplete documentation, or changes in circumstances may affect actual compliance status. This report does not constitute legal advice. Professional legal counsel should be consulted for interpretation of specific regulatory requirements.

Quality Assurance

All responses and documentation were cross-referenced for consistency. Scoring methodology was applied uniformly across all assessment areas. Weighted scoring reflects legal significance of each compliance requirement.

Introduction

This Landlord Risk Audit Report provides a comprehensive assessment of your property management practices and compliance status. The audit evaluates three critical areas of landlord responsibility: Documentation, Landlord-Tenant Communication, and Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures.




Each area has been assessed using a structured questionnaire designed to identify potential risks, compliance gaps, and areas for improvement. The results are presented using a traffic light system to help you quickly identify priority actions.

Purpose of Survey

The primary purpose of this audit is to help landlords:

- Identify compliance risks before they result in legal issues or fines
- Understand their current practices relative to best practices and legal requirements
- Develop a prioritized action plan for improvement
- Protect themselves from tenant claims and disputes

What the Colours and Scores Mean

-  **Red (1-3):** Actions need to be taken immediately. You can be fined or tenants have power to claim money from you. These are critical compliance issues that require urgent attention.
-  **Orange (4-6):** Improvements need to be planned. Tenants will be able to win if you are taken to court. These areas require attention to avoid potential legal issues.
-  **Green (7-10):** Doing well in this area. Maintain regular inspection and continue good practices. You are safe from compliance issues in these areas.

Theory

The audit is structured around three main categories, each containing multiple subcategories that address specific aspects of landlord compliance and best practices.

1. Documentation

Proper documentation is the foundation of compliant property management. This category assesses:

- Certificates (Gas, Electrical, EPC, PAT)
- Tenant Manuals & Welcome Documents

- Council Required Documents (HMO licenses, planning permissions)
- Tenant Responsibilities Documentation
- Rent & Financial Tracking Systems
- Complaint & Repair Systems
- Tenant Agreement Compliance

2. Landlord-Tenant Communication

Effective communication prevents disputes and demonstrates professionalism. This category evaluates:

- Written Records of Communications
- Contact & Complaint Logs
- Notice Procedures & Documentation
- Response Time & Quality
- Accessibility & Availability

3. Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures

Strong evidence systems protect landlords in disputes and demonstrate due diligence. This category assesses:

- Inspection Process & Documentation
- Photographic & Video Evidence
- Evidence Archives & Storage
- Maintenance & Repair Records
- Incident Documentation
- Tenant Communication Archives
- Deposit Protection Documentation

Background and Methodology

This audit uses a structured questionnaire approach with questions weighted by importance and legal significance. Critical compliance areas (such as safety certificates) carry higher weight in the overall score calculation.

Each question is scored on a scale where higher scores indicate better compliance and lower risk. Questions are grouped into subcategories, and subcategory scores are aggregated to produce category and overall scores.

The audit results identify specific actions needed to improve compliance, reduce risk, and implement best practices in property management.

The Results

Overall Score	
Overall Compliance Score	8.8 ●

Category Scores	
Documentation	8.8 ●

Landlord-Tenant Communication	9.1 ●
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Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures	8.6 ●
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Recommended Actions

Based on your audit results, the following actions are recommended to improve compliance and reduce risk. Priority should be given to areas with lower scores (red and orange).

Suggestions for Improvement

Documentation

Priority	Subcategory	Required Actions
P2 Tribunal Risk	Fire Safety Documentation Score: 5.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire risk assessment exists but may be outdated or incomplete. Consider improving your systems in this area for better compliance.
P4 Optimization	Certificates Score: 8.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificates available but not always properly communicated. Consider improving your systems in this area for better compliance.

Landlord-Tenant Communication

Priority	Subcategory	Required Actions
P2 Tribunal Risk	Day-to-day Communication System Score: 5.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication happens but no formal system or response standards. Consider improving your systems in this area for better compliance.

Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures

Priority	Subcategory	Required Actions
P2 Tribunal Risk	Room Inspections Log Score: 5.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occasional inspections with basic documentation. Consider improving your systems in this area for better compliance.

P2
Tribunal Risk

Condensation Prevention Procedures
Score: 5.0

- Basic advice given to tenants but not formally documented. Consider improving your systems in this area for better compliance.

P4
Optimization

Property Maintenance Log
Score: 7.5

- Basic records of major work but gaps in documentation. Consider improving your systems in this area for better compliance.

Follow-on Products and Services

The following professional services and products are recommended to address specific low-scoring areas identified in your audit:

No specific follow-on services recommended. Your overall compliance level is satisfactory.

Action Plan

This action plan provides a prioritized timeline for addressing findings identified in this audit. Actions are categorized by urgency and legal risk, with immediate actions requiring attention within 7 days to avoid legal exposure.

HIGH PRIORITY (30 Days)

Significant gaps that increase tribunal vulnerability and legal risk.

HIGH	Certificates: Are your certificates displayed or provided to tenants as legally required?
HIGH	Fire Safety Documentation: Do you have a current fire risk assessment and documented fire safety procedures?
HIGH	Day-to-day Communication System: Do you have a clear, documented system for day-to-day communication with tenants?
HIGH	Room Inspections Log: Do you conduct and document regular room inspections?
HIGH	Property Maintenance Log: Do you maintain a comprehensive log of all maintenance and repairs?
HIGH	Condensation Prevention Procedures: Do you have documented procedures for condensation prevention and tenant education?

MEDIUM PRIORITY (90 Days)

Best practice improvements to strengthen overall compliance position.

MEDIUM	Fire Safety Documentation: Implement recommended improvements (Score: 5.0)
MEDIUM	Day-to-day Communication System: Implement recommended improvements (Score: 5.0)
MEDIUM	Room Inspections Log: Implement recommended improvements (Score: 5.0)
MEDIUM	Condensation Prevention Procedures: Implement recommended improvements (Score: 5.0)

Detailed Results

This section provides a comprehensive breakdown of all audit questions, categorized by their scoring level. Each question includes the selected answer, any additional comments provided, and the associated score.

Questions are organized into three traffic light categories:


- **Red (Low Scoring - 1-3):** Critical issues requiring immediate attention and corrective action.
- **Orange (Medium Scoring - 4-6):** Areas that need improvement to meet compliance standards.
- **Green (High Scoring - 7-10):** Well-managed areas demonstrating good compliance practices.

Red (Low) Scoring Answers

Excellent! You have no critical issues. All questions scored above the red threshold.

Orange (Medium) Scoring Statements


These questions received medium scores (4-6) and should be improved. Areas that need attention to avoid potential legal issues.

Q1.2	Are your certificates displayed or provided to tenants as legally required?	
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Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Certificates

Answer:


- Certificates available but not always properly communicated

Q6.1	Do you have a current fire risk assessment and documented fire safety procedures?	
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Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Fire Safety Documentation

Answer:


- Fire risk assessment exists but may be outdated or incomplete

Q9.1 Do you have a clear, documented system for day-to-day communication with tenants? 

Category: Landlord-Tenant Communication | Subcategory: Day-to-day Communication System

Answer:


- Communication happens but no formal system or response standards

Q14.1 Do you conduct and document regular room inspections? 

Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: Room Inspections Log

Answer:


- Occasional inspections with basic documentation

Q16.1 Do you maintain a comprehensive log of all maintenance and repairs? 

Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: Property Maintenance Log

Answer:

- Basic records of major work but gaps in documentation

Q21.1 Do you have documented procedures for condensation prevention and tenant education? 

Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: Condensation Prevention Procedures

Answer:

- Basic advice given to tenants but not formally documented

Green (High) Scoring Answers


These questions received high scores (7-10) and demonstrate good compliance practices. Well-managed areas that serve as examples of proper procedures.

Q1.1 Do you have all required safety certificates (Gas, Electrical, EPC, PAT) current and readily available? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Certificates

Answer:


- All certificates current, organized, and readily accessible

Q1.3 Do you have a system to track certificate expiry dates and schedule renewals? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Certificates

Answer:


- Automated reminder system with advance notifications

Q1.5 Do you have a valid Fire Risk Assessment document for this property? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Certificates

Answer:


- Current fire risk assessment completed within 12 months

Q2.1 Do you provide a comprehensive tenant manual/welcome pack for each property? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Tenant Manuals & Documents

Answer:


- Detailed, property-specific manual provided to all tenants with sign-off

Q3.1 Do you have all required council documentation (HMO license, planning permissions)? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Council Required Documents

Answer:


- All council requirements met with current licenses and permissions

Q4.1 Are tenant responsibilities clearly documented and acknowledged in writing? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Tenant Responsibilities

Answer:


- Comprehensive written responsibilities with tenant sign-off

Q5.1 Do tenants have access to critical emergency information (contacts, utilities, fire procedures)? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Tenant Critical Information

Answer:


- Comprehensive emergency information prominently displayed and in tenant packs

Q7.1 Do you have a system to alert you of upcoming compliance deadlines and property tasks? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Landlord Alert/Reminder System

Answer:


- Automated system with advance alerts for all key deadlines

Q8.1 Do you maintain comprehensive records of tenant information and emergency contacts? 

Category: Documentation | Subcategory: Tenant Information

Answer:


- Complete tenant records with emergency contacts and regular updates

Q10.1 Is there a clear procedure for tenants to report behavioral issues or concerns? 

Category: Landlord-Tenant Communication | Subcategory: Behaviour Reporting Procedure/System

Answer:

- Documented reporting procedure with clear escalation process

Q10.2 Do you maintain records of behavioral reports and actions taken? 

Category: Landlord-Tenant Communication | Subcategory: Behaviour Reporting Procedure/System

Answer:

- Comprehensive log of all reports with documented actions and outcomes

Q11.1 Are cleanliness standards and expectations clearly communicated to all tenants?



Category: Landlord-Tenant Communication | Subcategory: Cleanliness

Answer:

- Written cleanliness standards with regular communication and inspections

Q12.1 Is there a clear system for purchasing shared household items (cleaning supplies, etc.)?



Category: Landlord-Tenant Communication | Subcategory: Product Buying

Answer:

- Documented purchasing system with clear responsibilities and budget

Q13.1 Do you have cleaning rotas or shared responsibility schedules in place?



Category: Landlord-Tenant Communication | Subcategory: Rotas

Answer:

- Clear rotas with tenant agreement and regular monitoring

Q15.1 Do you maintain detailed inventories for each room with photographic evidence?



Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: Room Inventory

Answer:

- Comprehensive inventory with photos, signed by tenant at move-in/out

Q16.2 Do you have a system for tenants to report repairs with tracking until completion?



Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: Property Maintenance Log

Answer:

- Online system with ticket tracking, updates, and completion confirmation

Q17.1 Do you conduct regular inspections of shared spaces with documented findings?



Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: Shared Spaces Inspection Log

Answer:

- Weekly/bi-weekly inspections with photographic records and action logs

Q18.1 Do you conduct regular external property inspections with documented findings?



Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: External Property Inspection Log

Answer:

- Quarterly external inspections with comprehensive photographic records

Q19.1 Do you maintain a log of tenant behavior issues and actions taken?



Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: Tenant Behaviour Log

Answer:

- Comprehensive log with dates, witnesses, evidence, and resolution outcomes

Q20.1 Do you maintain a fire and accident log with documented safety actions?



Category: Evidence Gathering Systems and Procedures | Subcategory: Fire and Accident Log & Safety Action List

Answer:

- Comprehensive log of all incidents with investigation reports and preventive actions