



Rent Choice Start Safely

Are you escaping domestic violence and need help finding a safe and affordable place to rent?

You may be able to receive financial rental support

A NSW Government rental assistance program, **Rent Choice Start Safely**, can help you find and settle into a safe and affordable new home if you are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

How can Rent Choice Start Safely help you?

If you have already left, or need to leave an unsafe relationship, Rent Choice Start Safely can help you with:

- Finding a safe and affordable place to live which is close to your support networks and services
- Paying a proportion of your rent for up to three years
- Working towards a future where you are financially stable and independent

Where is Rent Choice Start Safely available?

The program is available in the Shoalhaven and Illawarra through SAHSSI. An onsite Rent Choice Start Safely Specialist will be able to connect you with other supports through SAHSSI.



How does Rent Choice Start Safely work?

For the first 12 months, you pay 25% of your weekly income plus 100% of any Commonwealth Rent Assistance — we'll pay the rest. The amount you pay will usually go up gradually over time, but we will check in with you along the way to ensure this is achievable and you are well supported.



WE PAY THE REST!

100% OF YOUR COMMONWEALTH RENT ASSISTANCE

25% OF YOUR WEEKLY INCOME

Working out what's affordable for you

You will only be able to receive Rent Choice Start Safely if you can afford to pay your part of the rent. Your support worker at SAHSSI will be able to help you determine what's affordable for you.

They'll take into account your weekly income plus 100% of any Commonwealth Rent Assistance you may be eligible for.



How to apply for Rent Choice Start Safely

If you would like to apply for Rent Choice Start Safely or just want to know more, speak to your case worker at SAHSSI or call them on **(02) 4229 8523**.

