

# Press Release

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## Hackney Homes stamps out Right to Buy Fraud

Hackney Homes recently stopped two people claiming Right to Buy for properties worth £350,000 after detecting fraud. The team use's a number of sophisticated anti-fraud procedures and found that the applications were sent in by people who were not entitled to them. In both instances, Hackney Homes recovered possession of the properties as the tenants were forced to hand back their keys or face further action being taken against them.

Residents are urged to call Hackney Homes Right to Buy team on 020 8356 5668 if they suspect that someone is sub-letting their Council-owned property or if they see any suspicious activities taking place.

Neehara Wijeyesekera, Head of Tenancy and Leasehold Services said: "Hackney Homes is committed to taking action against people who sublet their homes or make fraudulent applications for Right to Buy. We will take every step to evict those involved in this kind of activity so that families in genuine need can be housed."

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