

Dear Oliver

If your landlady is trying to have sex with you, then you are being sexually abused. This is called indecent assault and is illegal. You must get help and get out, before things get worse. I agree that complaining to her husband could get you into trouble. So I advise you to tell your parents immediately and also look for somewhere else to stay. I am sure your parents will want you to have safer accommodation and will do their best in future to pay the rent on time. If she tries again before you move out, tell her firmly to stop. If she insists, fight back.

It is very difficult to prove that a man has been sexually abused by a woman, especially when there is no sign of violence. However, the landlady is trying to force you to have sex against your will, and this is against your rights.

Please get yourself out of this situation as soon as possible.

Auntie Stella

ACTION POINTS

Teenage rights in sex and relationships

Look at this list of teenage rights in sex and relationships, and talk about the questions below.

- 1 Nobody should touch you or make you have sex when you don't want to.
- 2 It should be easy to get contraceptives and information on sexual health and adolescence.
- 3 All staff working at places like clinics or police stations should be well-informed, helpful and sympathetic.
- 4 There should be good testing, counselling, and treatment of HIV and AIDS, as well as available and affordable drugs.
- 5 Pregnant girls have the right to education.
- 6 If you have HIV or AIDS, nobody should treat you differently or rudely.
- 7 Everyone – male, female, gay, poor, rich, sick, young, old, thin, fat, local, foreign – should be treated with respect.
- 8 Young people have a right to organise to get better health care and services.

- What do you think of this list? Is there anything you would add or take out?
- Do they all apply to boys and girls equally?
- Give your community a mark out of 10 for how well they protect the rights of young people.
- Give yourself a mark out of 10 for how well you respect the rights of other youth.

Make a promise to respect these rights in other people, and to get help if your rights are being abused.