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## Won't we face penalties

We will have 12 months to pay the charges after which we will get fines of €30 per single household and €60 per 2 or more per household. By that time there will be a general election. We will then have a chance to change the government.

## Can Revenue just take the money

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## Can they reduce my pressure?

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## Will non-payment affect credit rating? Can I be taken to court

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## Can my landlord force me to pay?

No. The charge is between the tenant and Irish Water. At the moment landlords have no role besides informing Irish Water of who lives at the address.

## I've registered. Does that put me in a more vulnerable position?

No. Irish Water's registration process was flawed. Any contract you were coerced into signing is null and void. Anyone who has registered should write to them and retract any contract.

## How can we make sure non-payment is strong enough to win

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