

Safe Standard® – Country Annex: British Virgin Islands / BVI (2025.1 Public Template)

Valid only for rentals occurring within the British Virgin Islands.

ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant BVI laws: • BVI Contract Law (common-law based) • Consumer Protection Act (2019) • Electronic Transactions Act (ETA) • Electronic Signatures framework • Product Safety & Standards – via BVI Government & UK-aligned norms • Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) civil procedure Jurisdiction: Magistrate's Court or High Court of the BVI unless both parties agree otherwise. Private rental agreements are fully valid under BVI civil/common-law principles.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. VAT/GST: • BVI does NOT impose a VAT system. Other taxes: • Payroll tax (for businesses/employment) Record keeping: minimum 5 years recommended.
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or breach • actual provable damage • causation Gross negligence or intentional harm cannot be excluded. Safe Standard® template limits: • 270 USD per rental • 900 USD Mobility (Valid unless prohibited by BVI consumer law) Recommended insurance: • Public liability insurance • Equipment / business insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal Consumer Protection Act applies. No EU-style 14-day withdrawal for fixed-date rentals. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only if unsafe, defective, or unusable
5. Data Protection Applicable framework: • BVI Data Protection Act (2019) Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes payment information externally.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by the BVI courts (ECSC). Foreign judgments may be recognised via common-law procedure. Arbitration allowed if agreed in writing.
7. Use of Templates in the British Virgin Islands Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: British Virgin Islands) 2. Focus Checklist at handover 3. Photo Rule — No notes = No damage = No photos 4. Damage Invoice if needed 5. Annex is NOT shared with the renter.