

# Safe Standard® – Country Annex: Tonga / Kingdom of Tonga (2025.1 Public Template)

Valid only for rentals occurring within Tonga.

## ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant Tongan laws: • Contract law (English common-law based) • Consumer Protection principles (general civil protection; no unified statute) • Electronic Transactions Act 2008 • Product Safety & Standards — Ministry of Commerce, Consumer, Trade, Innovation & Labour • Civil Procedure Rules (Supreme Court & Magistrates' Court) Jurisdiction: court where the rental occurs unless agreed otherwise. Private rental agreements are enforceable under Tongan civil/common-law principles.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. Consumption Tax (CT): • Standard CT rate: 15% Record keeping: minimum 7 years (Ministry of Revenue & Customs).
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or fault • proven actual damage • causation Gross negligence or intentional acts cannot be excluded. Template limits: • USD 270 per rental • USD 900 Mobility (Valid unless overridden by mandatory local law.) Recommended insurance: • Public liability insurance • Equipment/business insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal General consumer-protection principles apply. No EU-style 14-day withdrawal right for services tied to a fixed date. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only if unsafe, defective, or unusable.
5. Data Protection Tonga has limited data-protection legislation. General confidentiality norms apply. Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes all payments externally.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Tongan civil courts. Foreign judgments may be recognised via common-law principles. Arbitration permitted with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in Tonga Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Tonga) 2. Focus Checklist at handover 3. Photo Rule — No notes = No damage = No photos 4. Damage Invoice if required 5. Annex is NOT shared with the renter.