

Safe Standard® – Country Annex: Bahamas (2025.1 Public Template)

Valid only for rentals occurring within the Bahamas.

ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant Bahamian laws: • Contracts (Common Law-based) • Consumer Protection Act • E-Commerce Act • Product Safety & Standards regulations • Civil Procedure Rules Jurisdiction: Magistrates' Court or Supreme Court where the rental occurs. Contract validity: private rental agreements are enforceable under Bahamian common-law principles.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. VAT: • Standard VAT rate: 12% Record keeping: minimum 5 years (Bahamian tax law).
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or fault • proven damage • causation Gross negligence or intent cannot be excluded. Public Template limits: • 270 USD per rental • 900 USD for Mobility Recommended insurance: • Public liability insurance • Business/commercial insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal Consumer Protection Act applies. No EU-style 14-day withdrawal right for date-specific rentals. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only if defective, unsafe, or unusable
5. Data Protection Applicable law: • Data Protection (Privacy of Personal Information) Act Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes all payments externally. Authority: Data Protection Commissioner.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Bahamian civil courts. Foreign judgments require formal recognition. Arbitration allowed with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in the Bahamas Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Bahamas) 2. Focus Checklist 3. Photo Rule: No notes = no damage = no photos 4. Damage Invoice if required 5. Annex is not shared with renter.