

# FAQs

- 1. I have been reading on Facebook about the difficult process to get complaint. What exactly do I need to be considered compliant?**
  - Obtain a rental license with the Town of Dauphin Island
  - Pay your local lodging tax on all rentals at My Alabama Taxes
  - Perform your safety inspection and submit paperwork
  
- 2. Is there a single place I can find all things related to short term rentals because I have no clue where to begin?**
  - Sure, there is! Go to our Rental Hub. On the hub, you will find everything from start to finish to get complaint. The link is <https://www.townofdauphinisland.org/rentallicenses>
  
- 3. Where do I obtain a rental business license?**
  - Just go to our Rental Hub and click on the rental license link: <https://www4.citizenserve.com/dauphinisland>
  
- 4. Do I have to pay local lodging tax for my rental? If so, where do I go?**
  - See the Rental Hub for lodging tax information. You can pay your local lodging tax at My Alabama Taxes.
  
- 5. I am so confused about the Safety Inspections. Who exactly can perform them?**
  - The property owner has the flexibility of using whomever they choose to do the inspection. They can do it themselves or hire someone. If you use a management company or in an HOA, the designated person they chose can perform it. The inspection checklist is on the Rental Hub. Once the inspection is completed and the forms are signed, just send us a copy of them. <https://www.townofdauphinisland.org/rentallicenses>
  
- 6. How often do I need a Safety Inspection?**
  - Safety inspections are required once every 3 years. They need to be completed prior to renewal of the rental license. If there is not a safety inspection on file, it can delay your license renewal.