

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

Valid only for rentals occurring within Belize.

ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant Belizean laws: • Belize Contract Law (common-law foundations) • Consumer Protection principles (general framework; developing legislation) • Electronic Transactions Act 2003 • Standards Act & Product Safety regulations • Supreme Court of Judicature rules Jurisdiction: Magistrate's Court or Supreme Court where the rental occurs. Contract validity: rental agreements are enforceable under common-law contract principles.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. GST (General Sales Tax): • Standard GST rate: 12.5% Record keeping: minimum 7 years (Belize Tax Service).
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or fault • actual proven damage • causation Gross negligence or intentional harm 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 Belize has no EU-style 14-day withdrawal right. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only if item is defective, unsafe, or unusable.
5. Data Protection Belize has no unified data protection law yet. General privacy principles apply. Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes payments externally.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Belizean civil courts. Foreign judgments require recognition by the Supreme Court. Arbitration allowed with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in Belize Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Belize) 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 renter.