

Getting help for the homeless



Homelessness and the actions to take

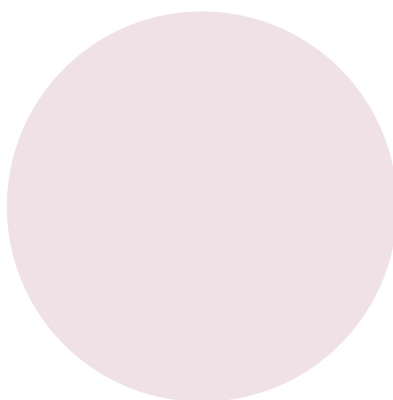
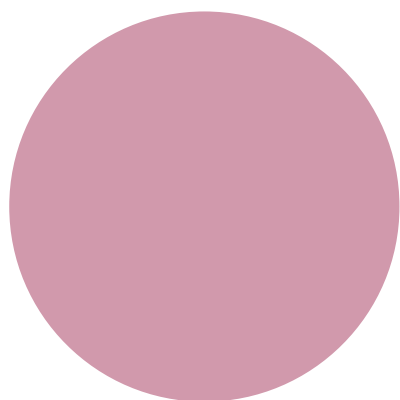
There are lots of reasons why you might find yourself homeless or threatened with Homelessness. For example you have been:

- Asked to leave tied accommodation
- Served an eviction notice
- Asked to leave by family or friends
- At risk of violence or abuse
- Living in an overcrowded or poor housing conditions

Social housing provides long term tenancies for renters allowing them security and a chance to put down roots. However, the housing crisis is now a national emergency and there is a significant shortage of social housing.

Can the Local Authority Housing Needs Department help?

The local Authority may owe a duty to a homeless person, including to prevent or relieve homelessness, and to provide interim, temporary or long-term accommodation to those eligible for such assistance.



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How the council must help

You can ask for council's help if you're facing homelessness. You're legally threatened with homelessness if you're likely to become homeless within the next 8 weeks/56 days.

If the council decide you're threatened with homelessness they must usually:

- Assess your situation
- Agree a plan to help you keep your home or find somewhere else to live

If you don't meet immigration and residence conditions, the council only has to give general advice and information. If your local authority decide you're not threatened with homelessness, they should give you a letter with reasons. You can ask for a review within 21 days if you think the decision is wrong.



The Licensed Trade Charity are available 24/7, if you'd like to talk about your situation, we can help you. Contact us for confidential, free of charge support. If you are experiencing any of the issues covered in this fact sheet, in the first instance call our helpline on:

0808 801 0550

Our Helpline Team will listen without judging and will work with you as best they can to achieve a positive outcome. If you prefer, you can email: enquiries@ltcharity.org.uk or visit our website at www.licensedtradecharity.org.uk, it's full of useful information about the kind of issues we know people who work in the licensed trade face.



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