



clydebank housing association

## **Sheltered Housing Information Leaflet in English**

### Sheltered Housing

#### What is Sheltered Housing?

Sheltered Housing is accommodation designed specially for people over 60 years of age. The housing might be flats or bungalows. It is designed to help you live comfortably, safely and independently.

#### Sheltered Housing usually has:

- \* individual accommodation with its own bathroom and fitted kitchen
- \* common areas for all the residents to use, including a laundry area, lounge, garden and guest bedroom(s) for family and friends to stay
- \* full heating
- \* a lift to upper floors
- \* a warden or manager close by to help if you need it
- \* an alarm for 24-hour emergency assistance.

#### What does the warden or manager do?

The warden or manager makes your life easier by helping you to settle in. This includes, for example, showing you how things work, keeping the area outside your home clean, carrying out repairs to your house, helping you deal with problems, and giving you advice if you need it.

#### Who can apply?

Anyone can apply, if you rent or own your own home. People with a medically assessed need or who wish to move closer to family and friends may have a better chance of being accepted than others.

#### How to apply

You can go to the local authority or to the Housing Association that provides the accommodation you are interested in, and fill in an application form. Most Sheltered Housing is rented, but some is available to buy.

#### Is Sheltered Housing right for me?

You should think about what your own needs are and what the accommodation can offer. Is the design of the housing suitable for your needs? Is the accommodation in the right location for the services and shops you need? Is there enough room for your family or friends to visit and stay with you? Does it feel like a friendly place where you will be happy?