



clydebank housing association

Homelessness Information Leaflet in English

Homelessness

What is homelessness?

You can be homeless because you have no home of your own to live in. For example, you might be living temporarily with family or friends. You can also be considered homeless if your house is insecure or unsafe to live in. You might be living in overcrowded or damp accommodation, or living somewhere you are at risk of violence.

Where to go for help

Go to your local council, explain your situation, and ask for help. They will give you free and confidential advice and will be able to help you apply for a place to live. They will also have a list of contacts you may find useful in solving your problems.

Once you have given them your details, the council will assess whether you are considered homeless or not. Among other things, they will check whether you left your previous home intentionally (by choice) or not. It is then up to them to decide whether or not you are defined as homeless.

How will they help?

If you are assessed as being homeless or at risk of homelessness, the council will treat you as being in priority need and they must legally provide you with temporary accommodation. They will then add your name to their waiting list for permanent accommodation. Do not hesitate to ask for help if you are in trouble and need assistance in finding somewhere to live.