

Can I get help if I've nowhere to live?

The thought of having nowhere to live is terrifying for anyone. But there are laws to protect you from being homeless, especially if you are a vulnerable person - for example, if you are young, pregnant or being threatened by someone. In many cases, your local council must find you somewhere to live. There are rules setting out when and how they must help you - see [Will the council find me a home?](#) But even if they won't help you, there are other organisations, such as [Shelter](#) (link opens in new window), that can help you find somewhere to live.

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The council may regard you as homeless, and therefore have to help find you somewhere to live, if you are in any of the following situations :

- You are too worried about your personal safety to stay at home, because of violence or the threat of violence (which could be from a neighbour or ex-partner, not just from someone you live with).
- You can't stay in your home because it is in very poor condition and a threat to your health.
- You have nowhere that you can live with your family.
- You have been locked out of your home and are not allowed back.
- You live in a caravan or houseboat but you have nowhere to keep it legally.