

If You Become Homeless

If you become homeless or are worried you are going to be homeless soon, you should contact the Council's **Housing Options Team** which will help you find accommodation.

You can visit the **Housing Options Team** at its city centre office, and you don't need an appointment.

Leeds Housing Options, Merrion House, 110 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 8BB
[0113 222 4412](tel:01132224412) (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am to 4pm, Tuesdays 10am to 4pm) For out of hours emergency help, phone [0113 378 8366](tel:01133788366)

housing.options@leeds.gov.uk
[Housing Options Team](#)

An online self-help, provided by Leeds City Council is also available:

[Housing Advice Aid](#)

Help is also available at local Community Hubs:

[Find Your Local Community Hub](#)

Homelessness Assessment

When you go to Housing Options you must ask for a Homelessness Assessment. If you are a refugee, you can get support from a specialist Refugee Resettlement worker.

The council will ask you about your housing and support needs, and who usually lives with you (your partner, your children or anyone else you care for).

They will ask you about the kind of place you want to live (size and location), how much you can afford, and any special needs you have, for example with your disability or health.

The council will then give you a [personal housing plan](#). The plan will help you to find somewhere else to live.

The council will offer you help for:

- up to 8 weeks if you're threatened with homelessness

- an extra 8 weeks if you become homeless

Housing Options may provide you with temporary accommodation whilst reaching their decision.

You can request an interpreter when you visit Leeds Housing Options. Housing Options will contact the Leeds City Council Interpreting service and a telephone interpreter can be provided to help you immediately.

Emergency Accommodation

If the council assess you as being homeless and in priority need, you may get emergency accommodation.

Longer term accommodation

If you are still homeless after 8 weeks, the council will decide if you qualify for longer-term housing.

You will only qualify if you:

- fall into a priority need group
- are homeless through no fault of your own

If you qualify, you may have to stay in temporary accommodation until longer-term housing is available.

Homelessness advice

[Homelessness advice - Shelter England](#)

[Housing and homelessness - MindWell](#)

<https://simononthestreets.co.uk/get-support/leeds>

<https://moneyinformationcentre.leeds.gov.uk/homelessness>