Tenancy Support in Wandsworth High quality support in your home

A guide for vulnerable people who need support in keeping their council tenancy.



What is tenancy support?

It is a service for Wandsworth Council tenants who need help in keeping their tenancy. The housing department provides short-term support and assistance to tenants for at least six months to a maximum of two years.

There are limited places available so you may need to go on a waiting list. But, if your support needs are urgent, tenants can be referred to other appropriate agencies.

Who can apply?

Anyone who is a vulnerable Wandsworth Council tenant and having problems with keeping their tenancy can apply to be considered for assistance. There should be clear indications that you are failing to maintain your tenancy.

People recognised as vulnerable may include:

People with physical and learning disabilities, mental health problems, those who suffer from alcohol and drug dependency, ex-offenders, those experiencing or that have experienced domestic violence, older people, those recently discharged from care or people who are under 18 years of age.

Am I eligible?

Applicants will assessed to determine eligibility to and priorities for receiving this service. We will aim to let you know the result of the assessment within four weeks. However, urgent applications will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housing

What sort of help and support is available?

Tenancy Support Officers provide intensive support to council tenants. Assistance and advice can be offered in the following areas:

- reducing rent arrears
- claiming housing and council tax benefits and other welfare benefits
- managing your personal finances, debt counselling and dealing with creditors
- reporting and ordering repairs to your home
- neighbour disputes and complaints of anti-social behaviour, which may result in a breach of your tenancy conditions
- contacting other agencies to ensure you are receiving the right kind of specialist care and support

How much does it cost?

There is no charge for this service.

How do I apply?

Generally, applicants are referred to the tenancy support team by council officers or agencies. However, you can also make an application for yourself by contacting the team on (020) 8871 8198.

Or you can visit the housing department or complete the form attached.

17-27 Garratt Lane, Wandsworth SW18 4AE (located across from Southside shopping centre).

Telephone (020) 8871 8198

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□ I am interested in applying for tenancy support

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Address:

Telephone:

Email:

I wish to refer the following person for tenancy support

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Referral by:

Name:

Organisation (if required):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Relationship to person:

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