

Adaptations

Applying for an adaptation if you live in one of our properties

Wakefield and District Housing (WDH) work with Wakefield Council to provide minor and major adaptations to our properties.

If you have a disability or a long term medical condition, or have difficulty doing everyday tasks such as climbing stairs or having a bath, we may be able to help you continue to live independently by adapting your home.

Minor adaptations

Minor adaptations include things like fitting a grab rail or a stair rail, which we will fit free of charge, once we have agreed your request.

If you think you may need a minor adaptation, please contact our Special Needs and Disability Unit on 01977 724460.

One of our Occupational Therapists will visit you to discuss your needs and assess you for the adaptation. If they decide your needs are urgent we will try to fit your adaptation within five working days.

Major adaptations

Major adaptations are things that will alter the structure of your home, such as a ramp. If you think you may need a major adaptation, please contact Wakefield Council on 01924 304550.

Wakefield Council will first assess your circumstances. If you qualify for an adaptation, an occupational therapist will then visit you to discuss your needs and assess you. Wakefield Council will aim to finish your assessment within 28 days.

We may then do a survey of your property to make sure it is possible to carry out the adaptation. If it is not possible to carry out the necessary work we will speak to you about the options you have for alternative accommodation. If you have to move because of medical reasons, we will make sure that we visit you within 20 days of your enquiry.

We will fit the adaptation for you free of charge once Wakefield Council has agreed your request. We will tell you how long the work is likely to take, as this may vary depending on the type of adaptation you need and your personal circumstances. We will try to finish your adaptation within twelve weeks. Where this is not possible we will definitely finish the work within six months.

How Wakefield Council decide if you are eligible for an adaptation

Wakefield Council will assess you against the following conditions before its occupational therapist visits you to discuss your needs. You must meet one of the following conditions.

- You must have a disability which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least 12 months and is not likely to improve significantly.
- You must be 'substantially and permanently' disabled as defined in the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970;

or

- Your disability must significantly affect your ability to carry out normal, everyday activities of living in your home.

What is an Occupational Therapist?

An Occupational Therapist is a trained health specialist who can:

- Assess your needs and suggest what type of adaptation would be most suitable for you.
- Give you advice about easier and safer ways of carrying out various tasks.
- Recommend minor or major adaptations for your home and help you to apply for them.
- Give you advice about moving to a property that is better suited to your needs.

Equipment and Disabled Facilities Grants

We do not fit equipment such as stair lifts and lifting hoists. However, we can help you apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant from Wakefield Council, who will then assess your circumstances. If you meet its conditions you will receive funding to pay for the equipment you need to be installed by a contractor recommended by Wakefield Council.

To ask for an application form for a Disabled Facilities Grant please contact Wakefield Council on 01924 304550.

Would you like to be involved in our service?

We are always looking for ways in which we can improve our services. If you would like to join a service user group to help change the way we meet the needs of disabled people and people who have long term medical conditions, please contact our Special Needs and Disability Unit on 01977 724460.

We are committed to providing equal access to information. If you would like this information in another format, such as large print, please phone us on 0845 8 507 507.



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