

If you will become homeless within 28 days your local authority (the local council) should re-house you immediately as long as one of the following apply:

**A** - You are a pregnant woman.

**B** - You have children who rely on you financially and are risk of homelessness.

**C** - You need special help because you are old, mentally disabled, physically disabled or other special reason.

**D** - You became homeless because of a flood, fire or another disaster.

**E** - You are a child aged 16 or 17 and you are not in local authority care, or recently left long-term care (*Wales - 16 or 17 year olds will be regarded as in priority need, whether or not they have been in care*).

**F** - Any person aged 18-20 who is at particular risk of sexual or financial exploitation (*Wales only*).

**G** - Any person who is not yet 21, but who was being looked, accommodated or fostered at any point between 16-18, but is no longer. This does not apply if that person is also in full-time, further or higher education (*England only*).

**H** - Persons aged 21 or over who have become vulnerable as a result of having been looked after, accommodated or fostered (*England only*).

**I** - A person who is 18-20 and who has at any time been privately fostered, lived in a children's home or been in the care of a local authority, health authority or voluntary organisation (*Wales only*).

**J** - Any victim of any form of violence, (except self-inflicted) who has left their home as a result of violence or threats and has become vulnerable as a result (*England only*).

**K** - Any person who has been subject to domestic violence, is at risk of domestic violence or would be at risk if he or she returns home (*Wales only*).

**L** - A person who formerly served in the armed forces and has been homeless since leaving those forces (*Wales only*).

**M** - Any person who is vulnerable as a result of having been a member of the regular naval, military or air force (*England only*).

**N** - Any person who is a former prisoner and has been homeless since leaving custody and has a local connection with the area of the local authority to whom they apply (*Wales only*).

**O** - Any person who is vulnerable as a result of having been in custody (*England only*).

**Remember** – Councils do not have to offer you housing if they feel you have intentionally become homeless, or if you exhibit ‘unacceptable behaviour’. ‘Persons subject to immigration control’ are also not eligible for assistance.

It’s a complex area and the above information is only to provide guidance when contacting a local council. Your adviser should be able to offer more detailed specialist help.