

Are you homeless?

- temporarily staying with friends or family
- staying in a hostel, night shelter, or B&B
- squatting
- experiencing violence in your home
- living in poor conditions



Who should you contact if you are homeless?

Shelter Cymru	Expert housing advice	08000 495 495
Welsh Refugee Council	Advice	0808 196 7273
Cardiff Council	Housing support	029 2057 0750 to get support or visit Housing Options Service based in Central Library Hub

What are the benefits of the private rented sector?

- best alternative for single individuals
- quick to find and quick to move into
- individual and shared options
- choice of location you want
- short and long-term tenancies
- furnished options
- high flexibility to change places

Do you qualify for social housing?

- legally homeless
- meet immigration conditions
- priority need
- local connection

The Renting Homes Act - more security for renters

- No no-fault eviction notice (s.21) in first 6 months
- 6 months' notice as standard
- No retaliatory evictions
- Fitness For Human Habitation tests
- A written contract must be provided by landlord
- More flexibility for joint contracts (family reunions)

Who has priority need?

- Pregnant women and people with dependent children up to 18
- 16-17-year-olds and 18-21 care leavers or at risk
- Domestic abuse
- Armed forces
- Rough sleepers
- Vulnerable for special reason

Top tips for renting

- Don't ignore the small print
- Follow the rules
- Make sure the inventory is accurate
- Remember the bills
- Keep good records

What counts as a local connection?

- lived in the council area for at least 6 out of the last 12 months or 3 out of the last 5 years
- work in the council area
- close family members (parents, children, siblings) have lived in a council area for at least 5 years.

Benefits of renting shared housing

- Saving money
- Companionship
- Help in the home
- Less waste
- Improve language skills