

Applying for adaptations

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

We work with Wakefield Council to provide minor and major adaptations for our tenants.

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 such as grab rails and stair rails, are fitted free, once your need has been assessed by an Occupational Therapist.

If you think you may need a minor adaptation, contact our Adaptations and Wellbeing Team on 01977 724460. One of our Occupational Therapists will call you to discuss your needs.

If your need is fairly simple, for example a grab rail, we will arrange for the work to be carried out following a self assessment over the phone. If your need is more complex a visit will be arranged with one of our Occupational Therapists. We can then assess the difficulties you are having in your own home.

If your need is considered urgent we will try to carry out the work within 24 hours. We aim to fit non urgent adaptations within five working days, made to measure items such as rails to steps will take longer.

Major adaptations

Major adaptations are alterations that will change the structure of your home, such as a level access shower or a ramp. If you think you may need a major adaptation, contact Wakefield Council on 0345 8 503 503

Wakefield Council will assess your circumstances. If you qualify for an adaptation, an Occupational Therapist will discuss your needs and assess your difficulties. Wakefield Council will aim to carry out your assessment within 28 days.

We may 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 alternative options, including a move to more suitable accommodation.

We will fit the adaptation for you free of charge once Wakefield Council has recommended the work. 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.

How Wakefield Council decide if you are eligible for an adaptation

Wakefield Council will assess you before an occupational therapist can visit you.

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 care professional 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, and;
- give you advice about moving to a property better suited to your needs.

Major adaptation or electromechanical equipment funded by a Disabled Facilities Grant

To ask for an application form for a Disabled Facilities Grant phone Wakefield Council on 0345 8 503 503.



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