

Housing Options Team Fact Sheet: Domestic Abuse

What you may need to do	What we may do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us about your experience of abuse. You may find it easier to write a statement or do this with someone to support you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will listen without judgement to your experiences and hear about the nature of the abuse • Complete a DASH risk assessment with you to see if a referral to the Essex Multi Agency Risk Assessment Team (MARAT) is appropriate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us about any practitioners who are aware of the abuse you have suffered • Provide the details of any professionals are involved suchlike the Police/ Safer Places/ MARAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will contact them to find out more about the risk of harm to you and how this will affect your accommodation options • We will consider where is safe or unsafe for you to be • We will ask about others in your household and consider if they are at risk too • Gather information from the Police/ MARAC to better understand risks • Consider referral for family support if children are present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us about the support you have from family/ friends or wider networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signpost or offer to refer to appropriate agencies for additional support, for example Safer Places
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact National Domestic Violence helpline for advice on legal action (occupation / restraining orders) • Seek additional legal advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore whether it is safe for you to go home under any circumstances • Consider Sanctuary Scheme • Direct to CAB for advice on legal aid, suggest contacting a solicitor regarding rights to the family home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us about where you have been living and if you have anywhere safe to stay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look to find a safe place for you to be accommodated. This may be out of the area or a Refuge placement in the short-term.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us about any income you have 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General benefit advice, refer to CAB or online sources to get advice on income maximisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will need to tell us about the type of property you need • Look for alternative accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will assess your basic housing needs • Provide advice on looking for PRA and explain Rent Deposit Scheme • Help identify potential Landlords/ Agents that are likely to assist • Explain where to look for rentals (shop windows / online/ shop windows/ social media) • Explore Lodgings if appropriate • Advise on eligibility for the Home Option scheme

Useful contacts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizens Advice Bureau (Uttlesford CAB)
Web: http://www.uttlesfordcab.org.uk/
Call: 01799 618840
Email:
bureau@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk• Civil Legal Advice (CLA)
Web: www.gov.uk/civil-legal-advice
Call: 0345 345 4 345• ManKind
Web: mankind.org.uk
Call: 01823 334 244 (weekdays 10am to 4pm)• Mens Advice Line
Web: mensadvice.org.uk
Call: 0808 801 0327 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)
Email: info@mensadvice.org.uk• National Centre for Domestic Violence
Web: www.ncdv.org.uk
Call: 0800 970 2070 or 0207 186 8270• Peabody Trust Essex Floating Support Service - Uttlesford
Call: 0800 288 8883• Police
Call 999 in an emergency or call Essex Police on 101 ext 180340 or the non-emergency domestic abuse number on 0800 358 0351• Samaritans
Web: samaritans.org
Call: 116 123
Email: jo@samaritans.org• Safer Places
Web: saferplaces.co.uk
Call: 03301 025811
Email: info@saferplaces.co.uk• Shelter
Web: www.shelter.org.uk
Call: 0808 800 4444• Turn2Us
Web: www.turn2us.org.uk
Call: Uttlesford CAB on 01799 618840• Universal Credit
Web: gov.uk/apply-universal-credit
Call: 0800 328 5644 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uttlesford District Council
Web: www.uttlesford.gov.uk
Call: 01799 510510
Email: uconnect@uttlesford.gov.uk• Uttlesford Foodbank
Web: uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk
Call: 07531 436335
Email: info@uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk• Women's Aid:
Web: womensaid.org.uk
Call: 0808 2000 247
Email: helpline@womensaid.org.uk (will respond to emails within 5 working days) |
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