

# Housing and adaptations



## Home Improvements

Local Authorities can give different kinds of grants: help is available to all private sector owner-occupiers and tenants. Council tenants can also apply.

## House Renovation Grants:

To make properties fit to live in and to cover improvements such as heating or creating additional living accommodation.

## Disabled Facilities Grants:

To make houses suitable for disabled people by making it easier for you to get in and around your home and to provide suitable adaptations to kitchen and bathroom facilities, heating and controls.

## Discretionary Grants:

To make a better place for disabled people to live and work in such as creating a play area or adapting a room to work from.

## Home Repair Assistance:

A discretionary grant given to meet costs of minor repairs, improvements or adaptations.

*In some cases you may be expected to pay some of the costs, depending on your income.*

## Housing Associations

You can get a list of housing associations specialising in housing for disabled people from your local authority or the Housing Corporation which keeps information on registered housing associations:

**Telephone:** 0845 230 7000

Email: [enquiries@housingcorp.gsx.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@housingcorp.gsx.gov.uk)

[www.housingcorp.gov.uk](http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk)

## Care and Repair England

The Renewal Trust Business Centre

3 Hawksworth Street

Nottingham

NG3 2EG

Tel/Fax: 0115 950 6500

E-mail: [catrionasaxton@careandrepair-england.org.uk](mailto:catrionasaxton@careandrepair-england.org.uk)

[www.careandrepair-england.org.uk](http://www.careandrepair-england.org.uk)

Provides details on your local Home Improvement Agencies who can advise you on what work needs to be done, organise it, sort out finances, find a surveyor, architect or builder and keep an eye on progress. The service is free. If there are charges for help, they may usually be covered by grant or loan. There are also Care and Repair organisations in Wales and Scotland (see over)

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Ataxia UK, Lincoln House, Kennington Park, 1-3 Brixton Road, London SW9 6DE

[www.ataxia.org.uk](http://www.ataxia.org.uk)

Tel: 020 7582 1444

[helpline@ataxia.org.uk](mailto:helpline@ataxia.org.uk)

Helpline: 0845 644 0606

## **Wales – Care and Repair**

Care & Repair Cymru  
Norbury House  
Norbury Road  
Fairwater  
Cardiff CF5 3AS  
Tel: 029 20576 286  
Fax: 029 20576 283  
Email: [enquiries@careandrepair.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@careandrepair.org.uk)

## **Scotland**

Housing and Regeneration Directorate  
Housing Access Support Division  
Housing Support Team  
T: 0131 244 5522  
F: 0.131 244 5529  
Email: [housingsupport@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:housingsupport@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

## **Access a Home**

Contact: via website [www.ability-housing.co.uk](http://www.ability-housing.co.uk)  
Online database of adapted and accessible housing to offer disabled people more choice.

Your local government can advise you how to contact your local **Disabled Persons Housing Service**. The DPHS helps disabled people find the right local housing accommodation for their needs.

## **Leonard Cheshire**

Leonard Cheshire Disability  
66 South Lambeth Road  
London  
SW8 1RL  
Tel: 020 3242 0200  
Fax: 020 3242 0250  
Email: [info@LCDisability.org](mailto:info@LCDisability.org)  
[www.lc-uk.org](http://www.lc-uk.org)

Leonard Cheshire provides care and support to disabled people - both in the UK and throughout the world. They offer residential homes, respite and respite care at home services, care at home services, day services, holiday services, rehabilitation, specialist services for people with acquired brain injury, and independent/supported living units.

## **Livability**

50 Scrutton St  
London EC2A 4XQ  
Tel: 020 7452 2000  
Fax 020 745 2001  
Email: [info@livability.org.uk](mailto:info@livability.org.uk)  
[www.livability.org.uk](http://www.livability.org.uk)

Livability and Livability Housing is the new name for the John Grooms association, a national charity which works with disabled people, enabling them to have greater independence, choice and freedom. The housing branch designs, develops and manages accessible homes.

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