

Adapting your home if you're disabled



This leaflet explains how to apply for adaptations to your home, grants, and financial help

If you're disabled or elderly, you may find that there are some physical barriers that make it hard for you to carry out day-to-day activities. For example an adaptation like a stair lift may give you the freedom to move around your home with more ease. Having a stair lift fitted will also make it easier for your carers to look after you.

Some people prefer to arrange and pay for adaptations themselves instead of waiting for funding. If you wish to adapt your home yourself and you're able to do this financially, you will need to first get consent from our Home Improvements team.

A surveyor will come out to inspect your property. If they are happy with the proposed adaptations, they will give their consent for the work to go ahead.



You may find it useful to visit Well Aware's website for information on suppliers of equipment:

www.wellaware.org.uk

If you require a minor adaptation to your home such as steps or handrails our in-house team at Curo may be able to install these or make these changes for you. Contact us if you'd like to do this.

Financial help

If you need help paying for the costs of adapting your home you may be eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG). This is available to people with a lower income. Higher income households may need to contribute towards the cost of the adaptation. You will need to speak to your local council about this threshold. Disabled children under 18 can get a grant without their parents' income being taken into account.



Before applying for funding for a stair lift or other adaptation, you will first need an occupational therapist assessment which you arrange through your local council.

(Please note that you might not get any grant if you start work on your property before the council approves your application).

You can arrange this by contacting your local council. You will find some useful contact information over the page.

Once you've been allocated an occupational therapist, they will assess your needs either at an assessment centre or at your home if you can't travel easily.

Following this the council will arrange a home visit to check that the proposed adaptations are practical. At this visit, you'll be helped to complete the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) application form if needed.

Our Customer Accounts team can also help you complete the DFG form, if needed.



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A schedule of works will be written up and the council will contact Curo to discuss the adaptations required. An inspection will be completed by one of our surveyors too to make sure they meet our requirements and specifications.

Once everything has been approved the council will give you a couple of options for contractors who can do the work for you. You will need to choose the contractor that you wish to use.

Useful contacts

Curo

T: 01225 366000

E: hello@curo-group.co.uk

www.curo-group.co.uk/adaptations

Bath and North East Somerset Assist Team

They can help you apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant. Just ask for an occupational therapy assessment when you call the number below.

T: 01225 394570

www.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-disabled-facilities-grant

Bristol City Council

To speak to an occupational therapist you can call the Care Direct team for disabled adults.

T: 0117 922 2700

Or for disabled children you can contact the Children and Young Peoples Services

T: 0117 903 8250

E: disabledchildren@bristol.gov.uk

www.bristol.gov.uk/housing/disabled-adaptations

North Somerset Council

To speak to an occupational therapist you can call the Care Connect team for disabled adults.

T: 01275 888801

Or you can contact the Disabled Children's Team

T: 01934 427615

E: care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Council

For an occupational therapist assessment

T: 01454 868007

www.southglos.gov.uk/community-and-living/grants/housing-improvements-disability-facility-grant/

Mendip District Council

To enquire about a Disabled Facility Grant you will need to contact Somerset Direct who will then advise on the information required

T: 0845 3459133

www.mendip.gov.uk/dfg

West of England Care and Repair can assist you in applying for loans and grants, particularly if you do not apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant

T: 01823 461099

E: enquiries@wrcic.org.uk

www.wrcic.org.uk

Wiltshire Council

To request an assessment by an occupational therapist you can call the Advice and Contact team.

T: 0300 456 0 111

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-home-adaptations-repairs-grants-loans/services/

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Live chat, Facebook, X, email & more

curo-group.co.uk/contact

T: 01225 366000

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