

Accommodation Agencies

Males and Females

- Mission Australia (15-25 years, Vic Park) 9329 4480
- PICYS (16-25 years, West Leederville) 9388 2792
- Vic Park Youth Accom (medium-long term, 15-25 Years) 9361 4118
- 55 Central (18+ years, 24 hour, Maylands) 9272 1333
- West Oz (18+ years, Lotteries House Mandurah) 9582 9920
- The Beacon (18+ years, 24 hour, Northbridge) 9492 7100
- Armadale Youth Accommodation Service (15-20 years) 9497 1351
- Uniting Care West (15+ years) 9220 1288

Males Only

- St Pats Hannick House (21+ years, Fremantle) 9430 4159
- St Bart's (18+ years, 24 hour, East Perth) 9323 5100

Females Only (Singles)

- Ebenezer Home (15-25 years, 24 hour, Girrawheen) 9247 1330
- Esther Foundation (13-33 years, Como) 9368 6828
- Miriam House Pregnancy Assist (pregnant women with no children) 9328 2929
- Wyn Carr (18+ years, 24 hour, DV Refuge) 9430 5756
- Zonta House Refuge (18+ years) 1800 870 149
- Youth Futures: Nest Programme (16-19 years pregnant women or women with children up to 2 years) 9300 2677
- Parkerville: Young Women's Programme (16-25 years, women or mothers) 9290 1200

Couples / Families (possibly single of either gender)

- Croft House (18+ years, 24 hour, Inglewood) 9272 6111
- Graceville (25+ years with children, 24 hour) 9328 7284
- Wilf Sargent House (25+ years, South Fremantle) 9335 6835
- Indigo Junction (Midland) 9250 5256
- West Oz Mandurah (18+ years) 9582 9920
- Freo Multicultural Centre (refugees, migrants) 9336 8282
- The Beacon (18+ years, 24 hour, Northbridge) 9492 7100
- Parkerville: Young Women's Programme (16-25 years, women or mothers) 9290 1200
- Uniting Care West 9220 1288

Non Crisis Supported Family Accommodation

- Anglicare WA Family Housing 9325 7033
- Centrecare SAAP Family Accom 9325 6644
- Mission Australia (16-25 years, Vic Park) 9329 4480
- Vic Park Youth Accom (medium-long term, 15-25 Years) 9361 4118

Aboriginal People

- Anawim Refuge (Perth, single female, 18+ years, 24 hours) 9328 7562
- Kamany Aboriginal Centre (Families of Swan E) 9274 7929
- Allawah Grove Hostel (South Guildford) 9279 6646

Lodges, Motel & Other Types Of Accommodation

- Beatty Lodge (235 Vincent St West Perth) 9227 1521
- Coolibah Lodge (194 Brisbane St Perth) 9328 9958
- Charles Hotel (509 Charles St Nth Perth) 9444 1051

Accom. With Psychiatric & Psychological Support

- Devenish Lodge (East Vic Park) 9362 1545
- The Richmond Wellbeing (18+ years) 9350 8800

Transitional Support (assists in accessing and obtaining private rental property.)

- Independent Living Programme (Salvo units, 16-21 years) 9328 1600
- Youth Support Service (Mercy, 18+ years) 9442 3444

Others

- Foyer Oxford (16-25 years, Leederville) 6240 7200

Contact Homeswest For Other Community Housing Associations In Your Region

Escaping Family Violence (services and accommodation are available to women and their children who are experiencing or affected by family violence.)

- DVAS Central (227 Newcastle Street, Northbridge) 6330 5400
- Domestic Violence advocacy and Referral Service 9300 1022
- Women's Refuge Group 9420 7264
- Crisis Care (24 hour) 9223 1111
- Wattle House Mission Australia (Maddington) 9262 4200

Residential Detox / Rehab (assessment interviews are required and there may be a waiting list.)

- Harry Hunter Adult Rehab (Gosnells, male only) 9398 2077
- DAYS (East Perth - in/out patient withdrawal) 9222 6300
- Palmerston Farm (Kwinana, 18+ years) 9328 7355
- Cyrenian House (male and female) 9328 9200
- Saranna Women's Program (female with young children) 9302 2222
- Serenity Lodge (9 weeks prog - Rockingham, 18+ years) 24 hour 9527 9999
- Teen Challenge (Esperance, 16+ years) 9246 5777

Sobering Up Centre

- Bridge Program (Highgate, 18+ years, 24 hour) 9227 8086



Street Connect

18+ ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Contains information on:

- How to find a Crisis Bed
- Emergency Accommodation
- Mid/Long Term Accommodation
- How to get Private Rentals

Contact Street Connect:

0418 942 475 / 9325 7033

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Getting a Crisis Bed

If you find yourself in need of crisis accommodation there are several ways you can go about getting a bed for the night. Here are a few suggestions on how to find a crisis bed:

1. Homeless Advisory Service 1800 065 892

The Homeless Information Line is able to assist you with locating a range of accommodation options and is available Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. You can call and ask for a listing of available beds. They may ask you some questions about yourself or your situation such as your name, date of birth, ethnicity, location and whether you're single or have a partner and or children. They will then provide you with a list of places that you can ring to seek accommodation. It is good to have a pen and paper ready to write numbers down.

There are two bed counts, one in the morning and then again at about 4:30pm. If you were not successful in finding a bed during the day, it might be worthwhile to ring them again at about 5pm.

After hours Crisicare offer the same service and you can contact them on:

2. Crisis Care 9223 1111

FREECALL 1800 199 008

3. Entrypoint 6496 0001 or 1800 124 684

Entrypoint offers a similar service to the Homeless Advisory Service and Crisis Care but can do assessments over the phone or in person.

4. Foundation Housing 9227 6480

Foundation Housing provides a range of accommodation options to male and females who are 18+ (Lodging house, apartments & town houses).

Private Housing

In order to get private rentals you will need to have enough money for Bond and rent. Rent is always paid in advance.

How Much Does it Cost?

The cost of moving into a place is generally about seven times the weekly rental rate - four weeks for Bond, two weeks for rent and one week for letting fee.

Other costs to expect when moving into a new place are:

- > telephone connection
- > gas connection
- > electricity connection

These connection fees together should be about another \$100. You may qualify for a rebate on your bills if you have a Healthcare or Pension card. Ask about the Concession Rebate at the time of connection.

What is a Bond?

Rental Bond is the money that a landlord/real estate agent holds to cover any loss or damage caused by tenants who rent a property. It is set at four weeks of the rental cost all rentals require this Bond.

Now, how to go about getting a private rental?

1. Getting a Department of Housing Bond

The Department of Housing (DoH) offers a Bond Assistance Loan to low income earners which is an "interest-free loan" that requires \$10 minimum fortnightly repayments. In order to get a Bond Assistance Loan you will need to prove that you are a low income earner by providing an Income Statement from Centrelink and a bank statement. You will also need proof of identity, such as a birth certificate/passport/citizen paper. If you do not have one of these, you will need to provide three pieces of ID. Once qualified, DoH will provide you with all the necessary paperwork for you to give to the landlord/real estate agent.

2. Finding a Place

Check the newspaper on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. You can also ring real estate agents and ask them for a list of rental properties in a particular suburb. Look at your budget and decide how much rent you can afford. Taking into consideration about fully furnished (all furniture included), partly furnished (fridge, bed etc.) or unfurnished property.

3. Applying for a Rental

Ring the agent/landlord and ask for an inspection of the place before applying. Look at how easy is it to get there, if it is big enough, if it is neat and tidy, and how well in general it suits your needs.

It is best to only apply for a place you really want. Only apply for one place at a time, because once the landlord accepts your application, by law you have to take it. Even if you don't want it they can force you to pay rent till someone else moves into it.

4. Moving in

Make sure you inspect the place thoroughly. A property report must be given to you by the landlord. If anything on the report is not true make sure the correct details are noted by writing words like "broken", "dirty", "stained" or "not working" next to the item. This process may save you money when you move out and eliminate any dispute over the condition of the property.

5. Keeping Your Place

Make sure you budget and pay your rent and bills on time. If you can, arrange for the rent to be taken direct out your account then you wouldn't have to worry about it.

Try to keep the noise level down in the evening and don't have too many nights in a row with a lot of people over.

6. Know Your Rights as a Tenant

Get information about your renting rights from Tenants Advisory Service on 9221 0088 and/or get hold of one of their information booklets (for both private and DoH rentals).

7. Rent Assistance

Centrelink may be able to assist in paying some of the rent. Contact them and ask about Rent Assistance. Rent Assistance is NOT granted if your rent or your share of it is less than \$80.00 per week for a single person.