

Emergency

Males & Females Crisis - 24 hour

- Calvary Youth Services (Mandurah, 15-25 years) 9581 1741
- Y-shac Rockingham (Baldivis, 15-20 years) 9523 3400
- Y-shac Spearwood (15-20 years) 9412 0671
- Armadale Youth Accommodation (15-20 years) 9497 1351
- TINOCA (Youth Futures, Beldon 15-19 years, 24 hour) 9307 4520
- YASS (Mission Australia, Vic Pk, 15-18 years) 9329 4480
- Swan Emergency (Midland, 15-25 years, 24 hour) 9274 1611

Females Only (Singles)

- Ebenezer Home (Girrawheen, 15-25 years, 24 hour) 9247 1330
- Esther House (Como, 13-33 years, live in rehabilitation program) 9368 6828 or 0411 704 525

Aboriginal People

- Allawah Grove Hostel (AHL, South Guilford) 9279 6646
- Kabarang Place (female 18+ years) 9328 7562
- Derbal Bidja Hostel - St Pat's referral only (18+ years, Maylands) 9371 9090
- Ebenezer Home (males, Marangaroo, 18-25 years) 9247 1330 or 0477 869 117
- Ebenezer Home (males and females) 9440 1736
- Ebenezer Home (Females, Girrawheen) 9247 1330
- Indigo Junction- Indi house (15-25 years, 24hr service, Midland) 9274 1611
- Myera House (Subiaco, student only) 9338 1104

Escaping Family Violence

Services and accommodation are available to women and their children experiencing violence or are affected by family violence.

- Domestic Violence Resource and Referral Centre 9226 2366
- Domestic Violence Advocacy Support Central 9328 1200
- Sexual Assault Resource Centre 1800 199 888 or 6458 1828
- Patricia Giles Centre 9300 1022
- Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services 9420 7264
- Women's Domestic Violence Helpline Telephone 9223 1188 or 1800 007 339
- Salvo Care Line (24 hour) 9442 5777
- Crisis Care (24 hour) 9223 1111 or 1800 199 008

Mid - Long Term

Medium-term accommodation can be for three-nine months and long term can mean one-three years.

Supported By Live In Workers (non-crisis)

- Carlow House (Mercy Comm Services: Wembley, 16-18 years) 9442 3444

- Horizon House (Wanneroo or Wilson 16-22 years) 6103 5587
- Fusion Student Household (16-18 years) 6555 0303
- Salvation Army (Crossroads West) - Independent Living Program (17-21 years, 12 month stay) or Oasis House (12-18 years) 9328 1600

Externally Supported - Shared House

This is a shared household situation. It includes shared housing by two or more young people who are fairly independent or a larger facility with many rooms and a common lounge, kitchen, etc.

- Calvary Youth Services (Mandurah, 16-25 years) 9581 1741
- Ebenezer (Nollamara & Marangaroo, 16-25 years) 9440 1736
- City of Canning Youth Accommodation Service (Cannington, 16-21 years) 9461 7190 or 9461 7193
- Youth Futures Transitional Accommodation (16-21 years) or Crisis Accommodation (16-19 years) 9300 2677
- Mercy Coolock Units (Single Mums, 16-25 years) 9442 3444
- Perth Inner City Youth Service (16-25 years) 9388 2792
- Vic Park Youth Accommodation (Young mums and single males or females, 15-25 years) 9361 4118

External Support - Your Own Place

Some of the external support agencies have a waiting period. You'll need to contact the agency for an interview and then phone them once a fortnight to keep your name on the waiting list.

- Vic Park Youth Accommodation (15-25 years) 9361 4118
- Youth Place (Fremantle, 15-25 years) 9475 2978
- Fremantle Community Youth Service (Freo, under 25 years) 9432 9824
- Yes! Housing (15-25 years) 9263 2009
- Y-Shac Transitional Accommodation (Rockingham, 15-20) 9523 3400 (Spearwood, 15-20 years) 9412 0671
- Swan Family Accommodation 9250 5256
- YASS (Mission Australia, Vic Park, 16-25) 9329 4480
- Youth Futures NEST (Young parents 16-19) 9300 2677
- Foyer Oxford (16-23 years, Leederville) 6240 7200

Transitional Support

Workers from these services assist you in getting your own private rental. If you are under 18, you will need an adult to sign the lease.

- Salvation Army (Crossroads West) - Independent Living Program (17-21 years, 12 month stay) or Oasis House (12-18 years) 9328 1600
- Mercy Community Youth Support Service 9442 3444

Rental Options

These services have lists of available rentals

- Apartment WA (18+ years) 9261 1849
- Foundation Housing (18+ years) 9227 6480
- Access Housing (24+ years) 9227 6480



Street Connect

YOUTH ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Contains information on:

- How to find a Crisis Bed
- Emergency Accommodation Services
- Mid/Long Term Accommodation Services
- 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 CrisisCare 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.