

Barnet Sanctuary Scheme

Enabling survivors of domestic abuse to
remain in their own homes and feel safe

Working with:



solace

Barnet Homes

Barnet's Sanctuary Scheme

Helping victims of domestic abuse to remain in their own home.

If it is safe, if it is your choice, and if your partner no longer lives with you, we can make your home more secure.

The Sanctuary Scheme provides:

- stronger doors and locks for your home
- window bars
- safe room
- contact and advice from Barnet Domestic Abuse services provided by

Solace Women's Aid and partners.

The Sanctuary Scheme means:

- no need to move away from friends and family
- no need to move away from schools and work
- no need to move into a temporary accommodation or women's refuges.

The rules

You can apply for the scheme if:

- you are at risk due to domestic abuse and you live in the London Borough of Barnet
- you want to stay where you are
- it is safe for you to return if there are extra security measures
- you are the sole tenant or have sole occupation through a court order
- the abuser has no legal right to enter the property.

The Sanctuary Scheme is free. You can apply if you are in council housing, housing association, private rented or owner occupied property.

Permission of the landlord before any work is done.

Working together with other statutory and voluntary agencies

The Sanctuary Scheme was developed in 2004 in partnership with Barnet Homeseekers, central government, Metropolitan Police, Barnet Domestic Violence Support Service (DVSS), Elevate

(now provided by Barnet Solace Women's Aid and partners), the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership, Barnet Homes and other local organisations.

How to apply

- The scheme is managed by the Sanctuary Scheme Coordinator in Barnet Homes' Housing Options Team
- You can apply through Barnet Homes staff, Barnet Council Children's Service, health professionals and other support services, such as Barnet's Domestic Abuse services provided by Solace Women's Aid and its partners
- Once you are accepted, the Sanctuary Scheme Coordinator will work with Barnet's Solace Advocacy and Support Service, the police, a security company, the fire brigade and other support services to plan what you need
- Any extra security measures may take one or two weeks to arrange, but in an emergency these may be arranged more quickly
- We may be able to place you in emergency housing while the work is done.

Useful contacts

Police

999 (24 hour emergency number)

Domestic Violence

0808 2000 247 (freephone 24 hour helpline for advice, support and emergency refuge accommodation)

Barnet SASS (Solace Advocacy and Support Service)

020 3874 5003

Jewish Women's Aid (Barnet)

020 8445 8060

Asian Women's Resource Centre (AWRC)

020 8961 6549

Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP)

020 7633 9181

North London Rape Crisis

080 8801 0305

Victim Support (Barnet)

080 8168 9291

London Fire Brigade

999 in emergencies or 08000 284 428 for non-emergencies

Sangam

020 8952 7062

Barnet Homes: Housing Options Team

020 8359 4797

Out-of-Hours Housing Options Team

020 8359 2000

Customer Contact Centre

020 859 5225

Services we offer

We will help you choose what you need

- **Basic Security:** two locking points, door chain and viewer for front door; three locking points to back and side doors; window locks on ground floor windows; locking devices on upstairs windows that give access from extensions etc.
 - **Basic Plus:** all of the above plus 'Birmingham'/'London' Bar; double-locking night latch; property marking kit; a timer for interior lighting.
- A 'London' Bar will resist kicking, splitting and forcing open the door.
- A 'Birmingham' Bar strengthens the hinge side of the door frame to resist jemmy and chisel attacks.
- You can also have hinge bolts, door panels and window shock alarms.
- Sanctuary room:** we may create a safe room in your home with a fire-rated door that opens outwards, has specialist locks and a door viewer.



To contact Barnet Homes' Sanctuary coordinator, or if you would like this leaflet in another language, please call 020 8359 7618.



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