



## Equipment and Adaptations

If you are finding everyday tasks in your home difficult, you could be eligible for support from adult social care to improve your home and ensure you are able to live independently.

### Who Qualifies?

To access the service, you must have a health condition or disability that affects your ability to carry out everyday tasks in your home.

### How To Apply

You will need to have an equipment and adaptations assessment. You can complete one online, by phone or you can ask a professional (this could be your carer) to contact the team on your behalf. You will be asked about yourself, your home and the difficulties you're having.

Online:

<https://my.barnsley.gov.uk/form/Equipment-and-adaptations-referral/personal-details>

By phone: 01226 775800

By text: 07825 454888 (for BSL users)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. How are my needs assessed?

You may need a home visit where the team will talk to you about your needs. If you only need simple equipment, such as a bedpan, you won't need a specialist assessment. You can call the Community Equipment Service on 01226 645400 and they'll deliver the equipment to your home. If you require specialised equipment such as a bath lift or hoist, you will need to have a social care assessment. Call 01226 773300 to find out if you need a social care assessment.

#### 2. What kind of equipment or adaptations can I receive?

If you are eligible for support through the equipment and adaptations service, you could access the following:

- a raised toilet seat to help you sit and stand from the toilet more easily
- a seat inside your bath to help you to get in and out safely
- a grab rail or a second handrail to the staircase, or even a stair lift, ramp or shower

### **3. Can I make major alterations to my home?**

For major alterations, such as structural changes to your home, you will need to apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant. Please read our Disabled Facilities Grant fact sheet for more information.

### **4. I rent my home - can I still access the equipment and adaptations service?**

If you are a housing association tenant or Berneslai Homes tenant, contact them directly to see if they are able to make any minor adaptations to your home.

## **Contact**

To find out more about accessing adult social care and adapting your home, you can call or visit the website below:

Call: 01226 775800

Online:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/adult-social-care/getting-adult-social-care-help-early/>

## **How We Can Help**

If you live in the Barnsley borough and would like some information about adapting your home, you can:

- Email us at [first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk)
- Or call our Advice Line on 01226 240273