



Barnet Sanctuary Scheme

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

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Barnet's Sanctuary Scheme

Helps victims of domestic violence 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 Violence 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 violence 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 is needed 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 Violence 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 1 or 2 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

For further advice and support

Police
999

24 hour emergency number

Domestic Violence
0808 2000 247 freephone

24 hour helpline for advice,
support and emergency refuge
accommodation

Solace Advocacy and
Support Service Barnet
020 8733 4113

Jewish Women's Aid
(Barnet)
020 8445 8060

Barnet Asian Women's
Association
020 8368 3077

Domestic Violence
Intervention Project (DVIP)
020 7633 9181

Rape Crisis Service
020 7619 1369

Safer Families Project
020 8359 7218

Victim Support (Barnet)
020 8200 4483

London Fire Brigade
08000 284 428
(free home fire safety checks)

Sangam
020 8952 7062

Barnet Homes:

Housing Options Team
020 8359 4797

Out-of-Hours Housing
Options Team
020 8359 2000

Customer Contact
Centre
0800 3895225

This leaflet is available in
other languages.

Please contact the
Sanctuary Scheme
Coordinator
Barnet Homes
Barnet House
1255 High Road
Whetstone
London N20 0EJ

or phone 020 8359 6072
stating language required.

"I was allowed with my children to remain at home and to feel safe and protected."

Customer (2012)

"I would have continued to feel anxious and worried about doing simple things e.g. taking my bin bags out... in case he was waiting for me. I think the strong doors were a reality check for him..."

Customer (2012)

"Service was excellent, thank you. It has enabled me to return to as normal life as possible."

Customer (2012)

"I could sleep at night. The support I had from the Barnet Sanctuary Scheme was amazing. Thank you so much. Such a great service."

Customer (2012)

Services on 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; personal safety alarm; 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
Scheme Coordinator
phone 020 8359 6072