

Home Repairs Assistance Grant

Security and Fire Safety

Herts Home Security Service (HHSS)

provide a security service that includes fitting locks, door chains and spy holes.

The service is free to vulnerable households

Other households are asked to make a donation to cover the cost of materials.

HHSS carries out fire safety checks on behalf of the Fire Service. This includes fitting and checking smoke detectors.

All HHSS services can be arranged by contacting HHSS@hertfordshire.gov.uk or phone **01707 292344**.



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What is it?

This is a grant aimed at the elderly and disabled to help them with

- Serious items of disrepair
- Items that seriously interfere with their comfort

How much is available?

A maximum of £5000 over any 3 year period.

Who can apply?

Anyone over the age of 70 who is in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Guarantee pension credit
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Council tax benefit
- Housing benefit
- Or, if you qualify for Council Tax reduction

Anyone under 70 who is in receipt of one of these benefits and receives either DLA, PIP, ESA, or Attendance Allowance can also apply.

Owners and tenants

- Owners, or those in residential mobile homes, who have occupied their property for at least 3 years
- Protected tenants must have repairing obligations



How to apply

Contact the Private Sector Housing Team on:

Telephone: **01727 819 355**

Email: privatesectorhousing@stalbans.gov.uk

An officer from the team will arrange to visit you to inspect property and discuss your eligibility.

If you are eligible the officer will also discuss whether you might benefit from some help with making your application. Please note:

- Grants cannot be given for work that has already been carried out
- Grants are not designed to deal with immediate emergencies
- Work cannot start until you have received approval from the council



Other Assistance

Disabled Adaptations

You should contact Herts County Council

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

Adult services: **0300 123 4042**

Child services: **0300 123 4043**

The Occupational Therapy Team will assess your needs.