



Housing Advice Sheet 4: Advice on parental eviction – leaving the home of your family or friends

This advice sheet provides advice and tools for people who are thinking of leaving their family home or the home of their extended family or friends.

Guidance and tools

This can help you and the parent(s) or family you live with by providing practical ideas to help you all to try and work out a solution so you don't have to leave home.

Generally, for people leaving home, it is a major decision and requires careful thought and planning.

This is one of the biggest causes of homelessness in England, so it is vital that you explore your options first and check your entitlements. Shelter have provided a useful guide for young people leaving home:

https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/housing_for_young_people

Feel unsafe at home?

Further advice on keeping yourself safe can be found on the Suffolk County Council's website

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/keeping-you-safe/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash/>

East Suffolk Council work with Solo Housing which is a scheme that matches residential landlords with prospective lodgers. Referrals to the scheme have to be made via the council. For more information please contact East Suffolk Council Housing Needs Team.

If you have support needs you can also apply to go into Suffolk Housing Related Support Services

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/housing-help-and-support/apply-for-housing-related-support/>

Single People aged between 18 and 21

You may not be entitled to assistance to meet your housing costs if you are between the ages of 18-21. For further information please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-costs-for-18-to-21-year-olds#universal-credit-housing-costs>

Are you 16 or 17 years old?

East Suffolk Council work with Suffolk County Council under the Joint Protocol for Homeless 16 and 17 year olds. The assessment of your housing need will be carried out jointly to arrive at a solution in line with your circumstances.

[http://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/homelessness/your_situation/homeless_help_your_situation - 16 and 17 year olds](http://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/homelessness/your_situation/homeless_help_your_situation_-_16_and_17_year_olds)