



Dalmuir Park
Housing Association



A Guide to Adaptations

WHAT ARE ADAPTATIONS?

An Adaptation is the alteration to a property or installation of a piece of equipment within the home which can improve your quality of life or assist you if you are less mobile or have difficulties getting around your home. The individual item can be as little as a handrail to help you get up a stair to lifting equipment that can help you get into a bath. The Association carries out around ten alterations of this type each year mainly the installation of disabled showers, handrails or access ramps.

The Association receives money from The Scottish Government to carry out alterations to our houses to enable residents to remain in their present home and improve their ability to make full use of the property regardless of physical impairment

WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

If you have specific medical needs and you feel that you could benefit from your home being adapted in this way, you must contact:-

Occupational Therapist
Social Work Department
West Dunbartonshire Council.
Rosebery Place
Clydebank
G81 1TG
Telephone 01380 737000

They will visit you and then make a decision to recommend alterations to the home. Within their recommendation they will tell the Association the item required and how urgent the work is.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Dependent on available funds the work will normally be carried out within three months of the recommendation.

Estimates may have to be received then the contractor is given between fourteen and thirty days to complete the work depending on its extent. For specialised equipment they may have to wait for delivery.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ME?

Adaptations approved in this way will cost you nothing. They are 100% grant funded by the government.

WHAT IF AN ADAPTATION CANNOT BE DONE IN MY HOME?

Some people live in properties that cannot be altered easily. For example large numbers of stairs may prevent a ramp being fitted. Showers can only be installed in certain circumstances. You should speak to your Housing Officer to discuss whether a transfer to a more suitable property can be arranged.

TYPES OF ADAPTATIONS

The following is a summary list of adaptations that may be available. The Social Work will tell us what is required and others may be available.

| Adaptation | Qualifying conditions |
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| Showers | For less mobile tenants who cannot easily use a bath |
| Ramp | Wheelchair users |
| Door entry | Relocation or alteration for deaf or blind persons |

FURTHER INFORMATION

In the first instance you should contact the Occupational Therapist (OT) or feel free to contact your Housing Officer at the Association's Offices.

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