

Lesson 2

What is homelessness?

Learning intention: To begin to understand homelessness in Scotland and the homeless process. To consider who is considered homeless.

Success Criteria:

- I can define homelessness.
- I can use the information I have learnt to explain how homelessness happens.
- I can use the information I have learnt to explain what steps a person takes if they are homeless in Scotland.

What is homelessness?



- Sleeping on the streets
- Staying with friends or family
- Staying in a hostel or bed and breakfast hotel
- Living in overcrowded conditions
- At risk of violence in your home
- Living in poor conditions that affect your health
- Living in a house that is not suitable for you because you are sick or disabled

The homeless process

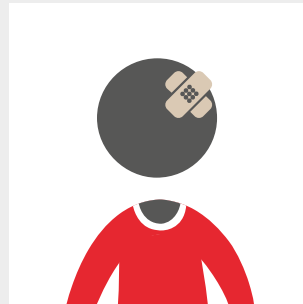
Section 24 Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

determines whether or not a person is homeless:

a person is to be treated as having no accommodation if it is unreasonable to continue to occupy.



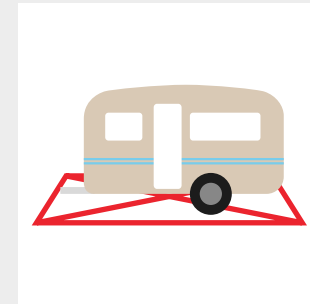
Cannot gain entry



Occupation would result in violence towards them



Overcrowded



A caravan or mobile home with nowhere to put it

What can you do?

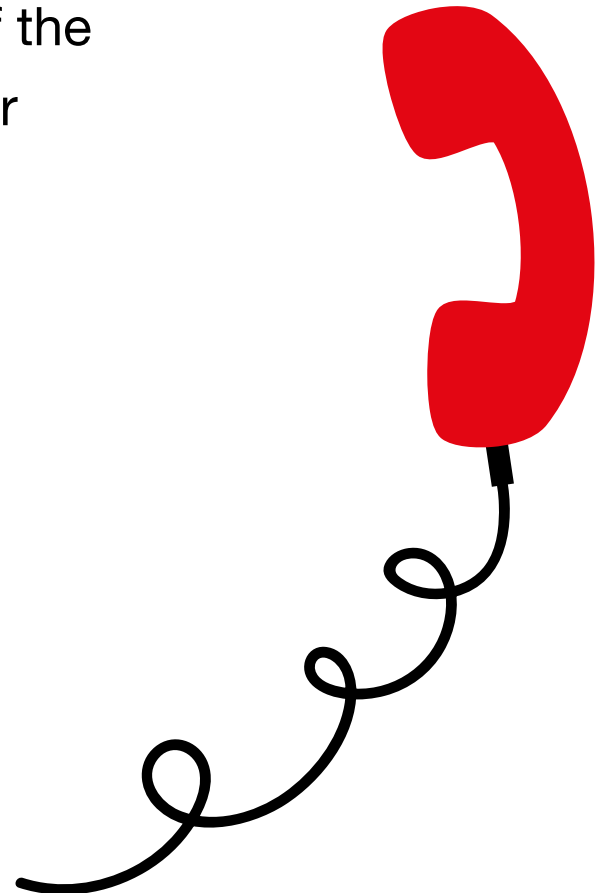
If a family member, or friend, is in any of the situations described ask them to call our

National Helpline on
0808 800 4444 (Freephone)

Monday to Friday

9am to 5pm for free impartial advice

**Keep yourself safe, please do not
approach anyone alone and always
keep yourself safe!**

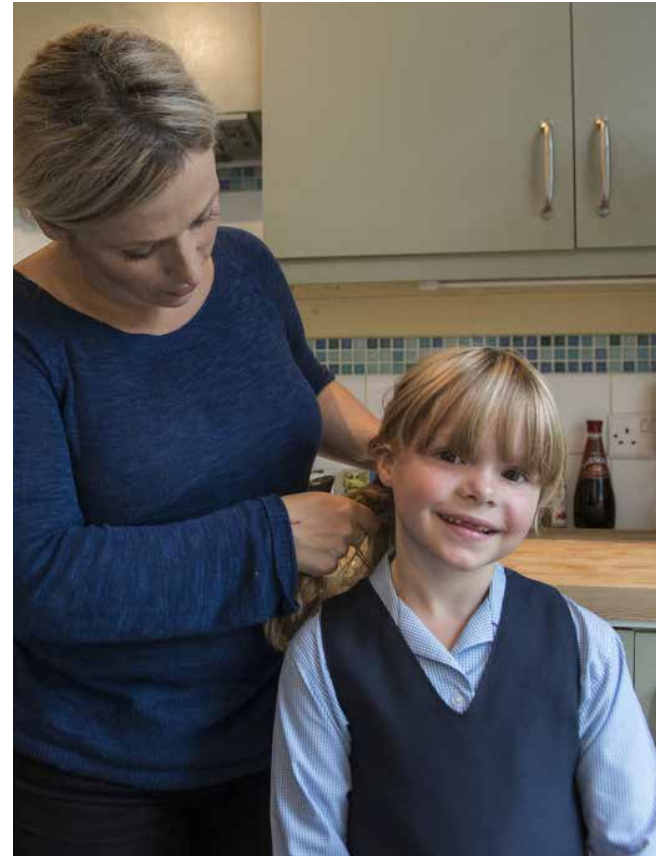


Katie's story

Katie and her mum Jenny moved a long way from their old home. They couldn't stay there anymore because Katie's mum was suffering domestic abuse.

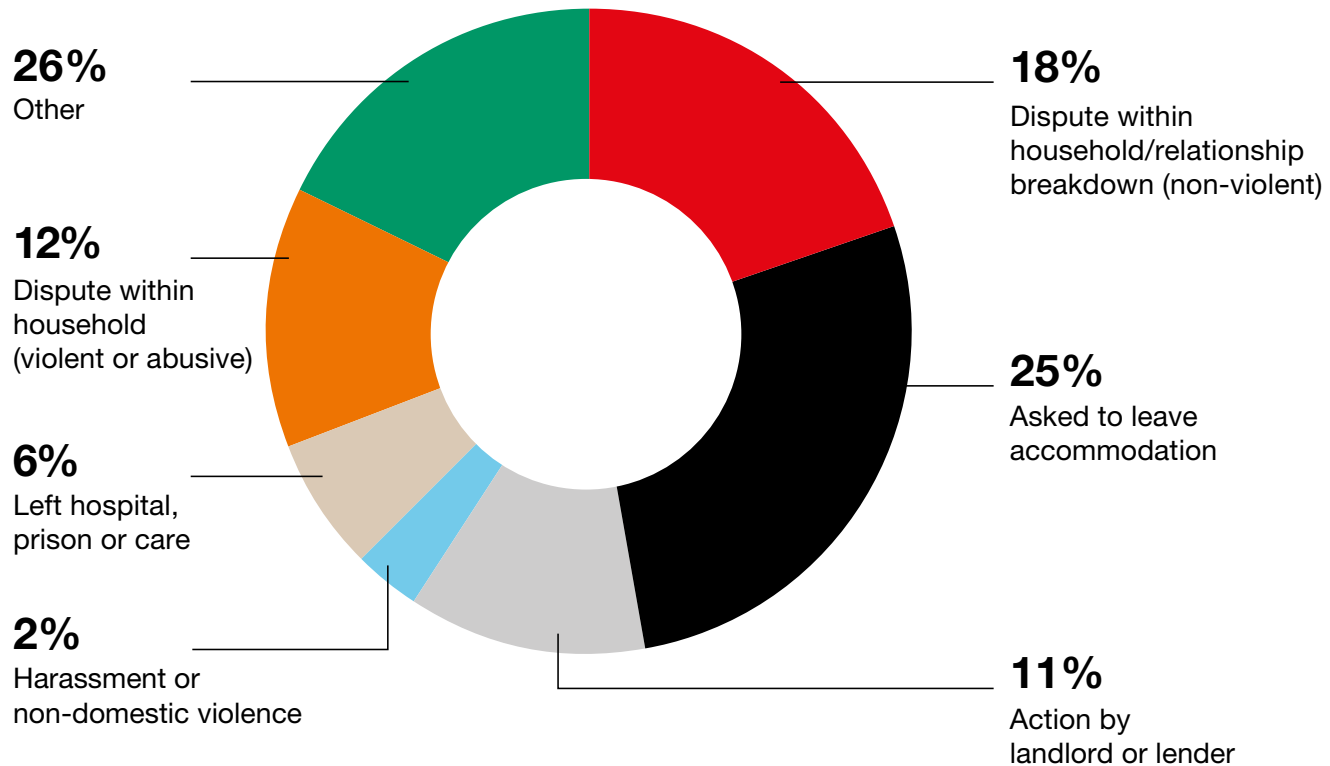
Katie's mum had a friend in Glasgow who let them live with her. The friend was kind but the house was small. Katie's mum had to sleep on a sofa and was often tired and worried. Katie really wanted to have her own room again.

Katie's mum went to the council for help to find a new home. The council should help people like Katie and her mum but it made a mistake and turned them away. Katie's mum heard about Shelter Scotland and went to them for help. Shelter Scotland's lawyer spoke to the council and Katie and her mum were given a home and ongoing support to be allowed to stay there.



Models used in this photo

Why does it happen?



Where do people live?

