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Belfast Safer Homes

For individuals over 65 years of age residing in the Belfast City Council area

Belfast Safer Homes service is aimed at residents aged over the age of 65 in the Belfast City Council area

Free home safety check

Belfast Safer Homes service provides a free home safety check to residents aged over 65. The home safety check includes a room-by-room inspection and can include energy saving and security advice.

The Home Safety Officer can also make onward referrals to agencies such as Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Occupational Therapy, National Energy Action and Environmental Health.

Where necessary we will give you free accident prevention equipment.



Examples of topics covered during a home safety check include:

- Falls in the home
- Poisoning
- Burns or scalds
- Fire safety
- Choking or ingestion
- Home heating
- Carbon monoxide

Equipment List:

- Helping hand
- Touch lamp
- Jar and bottle openers
- Shoe horn
- Sock on
- Magnifier
- Carbon monoxide alarms
- Blind cord safety clips*
- Pop it locks, cupboard locks and catches*

*For individuals who have young children visiting the home.

Helping hand





Jar opener

Shoe horn



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Repairs

If the home safety check highlights that repair work is needed to protect against slips, trips or falls, you can get a subsidised rate to have that repair work carried out.

Those who receive benefits will be charged £10 per hour for repairs. Those who do not receive benefits will be charged £15 per hour for repairs.

Repair examples:

- Fixing loose floor boards
- Fitting curtain poles
- Clearing paths
- Fitting door chains
- Changing light bulbs
- Installing handrails
- Fixing doors
- Installing carbon monoxide alarms



Please note:

We cannot carry out any electrical, painting or plumbing. All materials must be supplied by the occupant. We will provide general consumables such as nails, glue and sandpaper free of charge.

The service is available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm (excluding public holidays). All work will be carried out by Bryson Pathways staff who have been trained, police checked and carry ID.

The service is available to vulnerable adults in the Belfast area at risk of falling, and with a health professional referral.

To make a referral you can free phone **0800 14 22 865** or email **handyman@brysonpathways.org**

For more information on home safety visit **www.belfastcity.gov.uk/homesafety** or call us on **028 9027 0428.**

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