

# HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION TOOLKIT

Our [review of the Homelessness Reduction Act](#), published in September 2020, found the service has improved for those who would previously have had limited support, and households are receiving help both earlier and for longer. In the first two and a half years since the Act came into force, over 300,000 households had their homelessness successfully prevented or relieved, securing accommodation for more than 6 months. However, we know there is more work to be done to make people aware of the Act and what it means for them.

We have produced these materials to help share the message that help is available before people reach a homelessness crisis.

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT

We have produced these materials to increase awareness of the help that is available before people reach a homelessness crisis.

You can help to share this message by doing the following:

- Post on your social media channels
- Display the poster in waiting areas or community spaces
- Share the poster **digitally** through your social media channels, your local newsletters or any other digital channels you may have
- Share the posters with other local organisations with appropriate spaces to display the poster
- Include the link to our gov.uk page where possible. Link is here: [www.gov.uk/if-youre-homeless-at-risk-of-homelessness](http://www.gov.uk/if-youre-homeless-at-risk-of-homelessness)



**If you are likely to become homeless in the next 8 weeks, contact your council for help now.**

There are different types of support your council could offer you.

For example, they may offer you advice, support to find longer-term housing or help so you can stay in your home.

For more information please visit: [www.gov.uk/if-youre-homeless-at-risk-of-homelessness](http://www.gov.uk/if-youre-homeless-at-risk-of-homelessness)

Please call



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Use your social media channels to share this message:

- Create your own content including useful links to your council's website
- Share government posts – follow @MHCLG for updates

Example Social Media posts:

Councils have a duty to try to prevent and relieve a person's homelessness. If you are likely to become homeless in the next 8 weeks, contact [name of council] for help now.

The Homelessness Reduction Act ensures that more people will get the help they need before they face a homelessness crisis. If you are likely to become homeless in the next 8 weeks, contact [name of council] for help now.