

# Items to support your homelessness application



Try to take as many of these items with you as you can when you go the council housing department to make a homelessness application. Don't worry if you haven't got anything that's on the list: the council still has a responsibility to look into your situation. But bear in mind that the more information you provide, the quicker your application can be assessed.

## ID

- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Proof of immigration status (if you have come to the UK from abroad)
- Driving licence
- Medical card
- National Insurance card
- Travel pass with photo

## Evidence of why you are homeless or about to become homeless

- Letter from your parents/friends/relatives confirming that they want you to leave
- Written notice from your landlord
- Letters about repossession you're your mortgage lender
- Court papers (eg a possession order bailiff's warrant or occupation order)

## Evidence of where you live

- Your tenancy agreement
- Utility bills in your name
- A letter addressed to you, or which says where you have been living, from:
  - your school, university or college
  - your doctor or hospital
  - your employer
  - the Department of Work and Pensions or Jobcentre
  - your solicitor
  - your social worker

## Other proof of your circumstances

- Birth certificates for your partner/children
- Child benefit book
- Wage slips
- Benefit book
- Proof of pregnancy, if you or anyone else in your household is pregnant
- Hospital ante-natal record book
- Letters from your doctor/hospital about any health problems
- Written discharge from the armed forces
- Crime number or copies of relevant police reports (eg if you are leaving home because of violence or harassment)

If you have any problems applying to the council as homeless, call Shelter's free housing advice helpline on **0808 800 4444** or go to a local advice agency. An adviser can help you make your application and can ensure that the council gives you the help you're entitled to.