

# Where will I live?

**If you need to leave home because you feel unsafe from your partner there are a few options available.**

**You don't have to do this alone!**

**Contact us**

**We can help!**

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## Where can I go?

**Staying with friends or family might be your first choice, however this may not always be possible or safe for you to do so. Other options to consider:**

### **Returning home, with a court order**

You can apply for a court order to remove your partner / ex-partner from your home, giving you the right to live there. You can also apply for an order to prevent them from coming to the house or approaching you outside.

### **Emergency accommodation**

Regardless of whether you choose to stay in the Falkirk Council area, or move to another area, the local authority in your area of choice has a legal duty to provide you with advice and support to find somewhere safe to live if you become homeless due to domestic violence.

They will also provide you with temporary accommodation.

This will not affect your rights in relation to securing a permanent tenancy, even if you decide to return to live with your partner.

### **Housing associations and private landlords**

Falkirk Council can provide you with a list of registered social landlords in your area.

### **Free advice on housing & legal issues**

**Citizens Advice Scotland**

[www.cas.org.uk](http://www.cas.org.uk)

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