

Are you experiencing Domestic Abuse and would like to remain safely in your home?

If it is safe and your choice, and your partner no longer lives with you, the district wide Sanctuary Service may be able to help make your home more secure.

The Sanctuary Service helps victim-survivors who are assessed as being at standard to medium risk to stay safely in their own home. Victim-survivors who are assessed as high risk, can receive target hardening measures via the Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS).

Some of the measures a Sanctuary Scheme can provide include:

- stronger doors and locks.
- window bars.
- smart doorbells.

The Sanctuary Scheme means:

- no need to move away from friends and family.
- no need for children or young people to stop attending school or college.
- Not need to stop going to work.
- no need to move into temporary accommodation such as a refuge.

The Sanctuary Scheme is free. You can apply if:

- you are at risk of domestic abuse and live in Norfolk.
- you want to stay where you are.
- it is safe for you to return if there is extra security in place.
- the perpetrator has no legal right to enter the property.

You can apply if you live in council housing, housing association property, private rented accommodation or own/part own your home. If you live in rented accommodation the Landlord's permission is needed before work is carried out.

The Sanctuary Scheme is delivered by your local council who will have assessed your risk level and if you are assessed as at high risk, they will refer you to NIDAS. If you are assessed as standard to medium risk, the council will ensure it is legal and safe for target hardening measures to be carried out and can put you in contact with other services, such as Police and other domestic abuse support services if you wish.

If you are experiencing Domestic Abuse and want to stay safely in your home contact your local council:

Broadland and South Norfolk district councils

Breckland district council

Great Yarmouth district council

King's Lynn and West Norfolk borough council

North Norfolk district Council

Referrals for Norwich are via www.norwich.gov.uk/healthyhomes