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Out of homelessness

A new home checklist

To help someone make their new accommodation feel more like a home, as well as a working kitchen, bathroom, heating, and water supply, they should ideally be provided with some/all of the below:

Bedroom

- A bed that is comfortable and clean. □
- Pillows and a duvet.
- Duvet cover and pillowcases

 at least two sets so that there's one to use when the other is being washed
- Bedside table.
- Bedside lamp.
- Somewhere to put clothes (a wardrobe or chest of drawers).
- Coat hangers if there is a wardrobe. □



Kitchen



- A working cooker people may need support to connect it to the gas or electric supply.
- Kitchen appliances, such as a kettle, toaster and microwave. □
- Some basic cooking utensils and pans. □
- Cutlery and some crockery (plates, bowls, mugs, drinking glasses). □
- A tin opener, a bottle opener and some sharp knives. □
- Baking trays.
- Tea towels and oven gloves.
- A bin.
- Cleaning items (cloths, dustpan and brush or broom, a mop and bucket).



Bathroom

- Bathing towels and hand towels – at least two sets. □
- Bath or shower mat.
- A toilet brush.
- Bin and bathroom cleaning materials. □



If someone is placed in accommodation without items like these, local charities or keyworkers may be able to help with sourcing them, or know of some funding available for essential items.

Other



- TV.
- A table and chair/s.
- Overhead lights in every room. □
- Curtains or blinds in every room. □
- Laundry basket.
- Safety items that are working (smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detector, torch). □
- Access to a washing machine or launderette. □
- An extension cable.





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