

If you have nowhere to stay and you are in priority need, the council may arrange temporary accommodation while we complete enquiries. (see leaflet 1, for further information)

We will always try to accommodate you in Tameside, but where this is not possible you would be placed out of the borough.

Please be aware we can only offer you accommodation on the day you become homeless

If you are not in priority need we will continue to offer help and advise in finding a property.

Other leaflets : Housing Associations, Domestic Violence, Leaving Home, Renting Privately, Property Suitability, Temporary Accommodation, Rent Deposit Scheme. Tenancy Support

**Tameside Housing Advice, 119/125 Old Street,
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**The office is open to the public 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday.
Telephone calls 9.00am till 5pm Monday to Thursday
9.00am till 4pm on Fridays.**

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If you need any help with translation, please see a member of staff.

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**Tameside
Housing
Advice**



**Are You
Homeless**



Leaflet Four

If you are homeless, Tameside council is required by law to make a number of enquiries about your situation. These are set out in the Housing Act 1996 Part VII, Homelessness Act 2002 and Code of Guidance– July 2002 / 2006

All homelessness enquiries have to answer five main questions

In order for a decision in your favour each enquiry must have the following answer;

1. **Yes** you are **eligible** for assistance and
2. **Yes** you are **homeless** and
3. **Yes** you are in **priority need** and
4. **No** you are **not intentionally homeless** and
5. **Yes** you have a **local connection** with Tameside

1. You are usually eligible for assistance if;

- you normally live in this country and have permission to do so
- you work here or otherwise are habitually resident in this country

2. You are homeless if;

- you have no accommodation that you are legally able to occupy either in the UK or abroad
- it is no longer reasonable for you to live in your accommodation
- you have accommodation, but you cannot gain entry to it
- you live in a place like a houseboat or caravan, and there is nowhere for you to live in it

3. You are in priority need if;

- you have dependent children
- you are pregnant
- you have become homeless because of domestic violence
- you have become homeless as a result of a disaster such as fire or flood
- you are aged 16 or 17

You may also be in priority need if you are vulnerable because of;

- old age
- mental illness or disability
- any other reasons (e.g. you may be a young person at risk)
- violence from outside of the home

Priority need also applies to people who normally live with you.

4. You could be considered intentionally homeless if;

- you voluntarily gave up your accommodation, either in the UK or abroad, and it would have been reasonable for you to continue to live there
- you are evicted for rent or mortgage arrears, where there is no good reason for non-payment
- you are evicted for anti-social behaviour, such as the harassment of other people or drug dealing from your home
- you chose to give up employment which included accommodation for no good reason

5. You have a local connection with Tameside if;

- you have lived in Tameside for 3 years out of the last 5 years
- you have lived in Tameside for 6 months out of the last 12 months
- you have stable employment in Tameside
- you have close relatives who have lived in Tameside for the last 5 years
- you have any other special circumstances

If you have a local connection in another council's area then we may refer your homelessness application to that council.

If you have no local connection anywhere, then your local connection would be Tameside.