

The Sanctuary Scheme

What is a 'Sanctuary Scheme'?

The sanctuary scheme has been developed for people who are affected by domestic abuse in the South Holland area.

The scheme provides you with additional security measures to your property, by making it difficult for unwanted visitors to gain access to your property and helping you to remain in your home and feel safe.

Your district council works in partnership with the Lincolnshire Police, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue and Women's Aid and Victim Support to provide additional security measures and support.

Are you eligible for a 'sanctuary'?

Our sanctuary scheme is available to you if you are suffering or have suffered domestic violence / abuse and wish to remain in your home.

The scheme is available to all council, housing association and private tenants and owner-occupiers. Permission from your landlord is needed if you live in a private rent accommodation.

The 'sanctuary' process

Step 1:

You can contact:

- SHDC's Housing Team
- Lincolnshire Police
- Women's Aid
- Victim Support
- And other statutory or voluntary agencies within the area.

Step 2:

Someone from our Housing Team will then talk to you about the scheme and explain the sanctuary process and your housing options. Once you are happy to proceed, a member of our Housing Team will then contact Women's Aid (or another voluntary organisation) and Lincolnshire Police.

Step 3:

Women's Aid (or another voluntary organisation) will then contact you to offer you support and advice. A police Crime Reduction Officer will also contact you to arrange a visit to your home to undertake a security survey of your property.

Step 4:

SHDC then arrange for the work that is recommended to be carried out by our Construction Services Team. After work is complete, a member from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue service will contact you to offer a home fire safety check on your property.

Useful contacts

South Holland District Council Housing Team

Council Offices, Priory Road,
Spalding, Lincs, PE11 2XE

Telephone: 01775 761161

Fax: 01775 711253

Email: info@sholland.gov.uk

Website: www.sholland.gov.uk

Lincolnshire Police

Emergency
Telephone 999

Lincoln
Telephone 01522 532222

Women's Aid

24-hour helpline
Telephone 0808 2000247

Spalding
Telephone 01775 720400

Holbeach
Telephone 01406 49 32 22

Boston
Telephone 01205 311272

Victim Support

National helpline
Telephone 0845 3030900

Sleaford
Telephone 01529 415597