



Equality and
Human Rights
Commission

Housing for disabled people

What we want to find out



Who we are



We are called the **Equality and Human Rights Commission.**

We work to make sure everyone is treated fairly and gets their rights.



What this booklet is about

We are finding out about housing for disabled people in England, Scotland and Wales.



We want to know:

- what is happening with housing for disabled people
- what needs to change.





When we look into something like this it is called an **inquiry**.



The law says we can do this if we need to.

Why are we looking at housing for disabled people?



Disabled people have a right to:

- live in the community with everyone else
- make their own choices
- live how they want to.

This is called **independent living**.



The UK Government has agreed to make this happen.



We are worried that it is not happening.



Good housing is very important for disabled people.

It can help them have a better life.



Disabled people should be able to choose where to live and who to live with.



They may need other things like:

- houses that are easy for them to live in



- money to make their homes easier to live in



- support to live in a home they rent. Like support to look after money or sort out any problems.

What will we do?



We will find out what housing and support disabled people are getting.

By support, we mean support to help people stay in a home they rent.

We will see if this is helping them:

- live in the community with everyone else
- live the way they want to.



We will look at:

- what is happening with disabled people and housing

For example, we will ask disabled people what is happening and look at other information



- what happens if disabled people don't get the housing and support they need





We will look at:

- how much housing and support there is for disabled people



- how local councils and housing groups are making sure disabled people get the right housing



- how easy it is for disabled people to get money to make their homes easier to live in



- what local councils and housing groups are doing to get more housing that is good for disabled people.



We will check:

- if local councils are following the laws about people's rights when they look at housing for disabled people



- how changes to laws and rules about housing may affect disabled people.



We will look at all of this and say what we think needs to change.

What happens next?

We will start asking people what they think about housing for disabled people.



We will do this in early 2017.



We will write a report about what we found out at the end of 2017.

To find out more about this work

You can email:

EHRCHousingInquiry@equalityhumanrights.com



If you need help with housing



There are some organisations you can talk to. For example:

DIAL. They give information and advice to disabled people.

Phone 0808 800 3333 to find out more.

Citizens Advice

They give people advice about the law, money and other things.

To find a Citizens Advice near you go to this website:

<http://ow.ly/QO7Z1>

Or for Scotland: www.cas.org.uk



Equality and Advisory Support Service

They give people in England, Scotland and Wales advice about being treated fairly.

Phone 0808 800 0082.

Or go to this website:

<https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

