

TENDRING SANCTUARY SCHEME

What is the Sanctuary Scheme?

Sanctuary Schemes aims to prevent survivors of domestic abuse becoming homeless by assisting them to remain home safely through the provision of additional security measures to their property.

Who is eligible?

The Sanctuary Scheme in Tendring is available across most tenures with the following criteria:

- The survivor lives in the Tendring District
- The survivor wishes to remain in their home
- The person causing harm does not live at the property
- The survivor does not live in temporary accommodation

If survivor is a tenant of a housing association the referral will be passed to the housing association to address any security concerns at the property.

What type of security measures does the scheme provide?

Every Sanctuary Scheme is tailored to the needs of the individual, but this may include extra locks and bolts, door viewers, window alarms and fireproofing letterboxes. The main aim is to make sure the property has adequate security on the doors and windows.

If the landlord of the property is unable to carry out any improvements, the Sanctuary Scheme Co-ordinator will arrange for work to be carried out, subject to funding being available. The landlord will need to give authorisation for the work to be completed before any work can be carried out.

A referral to Essex County Fire & Rescue Service can also be made, upon request, for a home fire safety visit to establish whether any fire safety equipment is required.

How is someone referred to the scheme?

Any professional working with the survivor can make a referral by following the Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) process.

A referral form is completed and emailed to the Sanctuary Scheme Co-ordinator at jtreagus@tendringdc.gov.uk.

The co-ordinator will contact the survivor and the referrer to discuss the referral and suitability for Sanctuary. A property survey will be arranged with the survivor to highlight any security improvements.

Safeguarding note: *If there is an immediate risk to the survivor, or anyone else, professionals should contact the emergency services on 999. Where there are safeguarding concerns, these should be raised through the appropriate safeguarding procedures.*