

# Adaptations & Improvement Service

Keeping your home in shape

*This is a free, confidential and client-orientated service, available to owner-occupiers and private tenants who are over 60, or have disabilities.*

On your invitation, we will visit you at home to discuss what works may be needed to repair or improve your property. If you then decide to proceed, we can help you by:

- Organising for surveys or drawings to be prepared if necessary
- Obtaining prices from contractors
- Helping you explore ways of funding the work, possibly through loans from specialist organisations
- Organising the works through to completion
- Approaching other agencies who may be able to help

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# Advice and Practical Help for Older and Disabled People





## Care & Repair Edinburgh. We're here to help

Care and Repair Edinburgh is a not-for-profit agency offering advice and assistance to people who are older or have disabilities. Our services aim to assist people to repair, improve or adapt their homes so that they may remain there in comfort and independence.

## Try our Free Handyperson Service A kind word, a helping hand.

Our friendly volunteers can perform household tasks free of charge **(you only pay for materials)**, such as:

- Changing light bulbs and smoke alarm batteries
- Fitting door chains, viewers and door locks
- Putting up shelves and fixing cupboard doors
- Hanging pictures, fitting curtain rails, changing curtains
- Giving advice on home safety and security
- Help with programming digital TVs and other technical devices.

‘ ***We really appreciate this service as there are jobs we can no longer do. Your volunteer is a gem and we do enjoy his visits*** ’  
Nan.

‘ ***Your volunteer was prompt, and tackled the work in a friendly and highly efficient manner. I am totally satisfied with the work done. Many thanks to all concerned*** ’  
Martin.

‘ ***Your volunteer was very friendly, efficient and tidy. I will certainly use the service again in the future*** ’  
Agnes.

‘ ***Fantastic service!*** ’  
Donald.



## There's also our Trades Referral Service. A little help with bigger jobs

We can give you the names of reliable trades people from our register.

To be accepted onto our register, tradespeople have to provide references, and we monitor their performance by seeking feedback from those who use them. You should ensure that you get at least two written estimates.

Care and Repair cannot accept liability for work agreed between a client and a contractor.

‘ ***I cannot commend the Trade Referral contractor highly enough, and I thank you for suggesting him*** ’  
Frank.

‘ ***It is reassuring to be given appropriate contractors and know they have been vetted, so we can rely on them*** ’  
Betty.

‘ ***Your Trade Referral list is a greatly appreciated service*** ’  
Malcolm.



## Or our Home from Hospital Service. Adapting your home to suit you.

If you are in hospital and need repairs or adaptations to your home before you can return there, we will give your work a high priority. We can liaise with social work staff and occupational therapists to achieve those changes you require.

We can also give technical advice and help organise small or major repairs. Where required, we can move furniture for you too.

If needed, we can supply Keysafes at cost and fit for a reduced charge.



## Need some small repairs? We can help with that too

Our Small Repairs Service employs qualified joiners who will carry out small jobs in your home, to help keep you safe and warm. The labour is provided for a small fixed charge, plus the cost of any materials used.

Jobs include:

- Repairs to windows
- Fitting handrails
- Draughtproofing
- Fitting locks
- Easing doors and windows



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