

Belfast Safer Homes service is aimed at people aged over 65 years (or vulnerable adults) living in the Belfast area.

Age-
friendly
Belfast

Accident prevention

You can get a free home safety check and where necessary we will give you free accident prevention equipment.

The home safety officer can also make onward referrals to agencies such as Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Occupational Therapy, National Energy Action and Environmental Health.



Examples of topics covered during a home safety check include:

- Falls in the home
- Poisoning
- Burns or scalds
- Fire safety
- Choking or ingestion
- Home heating
- Carbon monoxide

Equipment List:

- Helping hand
- Touch lamp
- Low energy light bulbs
- Jar and bottle openers
- Plug mates
- Shoe horn
- Sock on
- Magnifier
- Carbon monoxide alarms
- Blind cord safety clips*
- Pop it locks, cupboard locks and catches*

*For individuals who have young children visiting the home.



Repairs

If the home safety check highlights any repair work needed to protect against slips, trips or falls, you can get a subsidised rate to have that repair work carried out.

Those who receive benefits will be charged £5 per hour for repairs. Those who do not receive benefits will be charged £15 per hour for repairs.

Repair examples:

- Fixing loose floor boards
- Fitting curtain poles
- Clearing paths
- Fitting door chains
- Changing light bulbs
- Installing handrails
- Fixing doors
- Installing carbon monoxide alarms



Please note:

We cannot carry out any electrical, painting or plumbing. All materials must be supplied by the occupant. We will provide general consumables such as nails, glue and sandpaper free of charge.

The service is available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm (excluding public holidays). All work will be carried out by Bryson Energy staff who have been trained, police checked and carry ID.

To make a referral you can free phone
0800 14 22 865 or email
handyman@brysonenergy.org

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