



# HOMELESSNESS FAQs

Here are some of our frequently asked questions by kids about homelessness and The Salvation Army.



## WHAT HAPPENS IN WINTER?

When it is really cold, people who live outside, rough sleeping, often **need more help**.



We work with other churches and organisations who **provide emergency night shelters**, ensuring people are kept **warm and safe**.



## WHY DO YOU HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?



We are a **Christian church** and a **charity**, and we believe in doing what Jesus did – helping people in need.

People who have no home are **vulnerable members of our community**, so we work with them to help make a difference in their lives.

## WHO CAN BECOME HOMELESS?

Unfortunately **homelessness can affect anyone** – men, women, young people, older people and families.

## HOW CAN WE STOP HOMELESSNESS HAPPENING?

**Ending homelessness** is one of our main goals, but unfortunately there is **no simple solution**.

So we do lots of things which we hope will prevent homelessness, like providing training, debt advice, counselling and foodbanks.

We also **campaign for fairness** in society, so people can get the support they need.



## WHY DO PEOPLE BECOME HOMELESS?

There are **many complex reasons** why some people no longer have a home.

For example, it can be because of health reasons, losing a job, or that home is not a safe place any more.



## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

It is good to **help people in need**, but it is important to do it safely.

Some ways people help are by:

- **giving** money or fundraising
- **donating** things to our charity shops
- **volunteering** (over-18s only)
- **campaigning** to raise awareness
- **writing** their concerns to their MP or local councillor



**People experiencing homelessness can feel invisible.** So it is important to treat everyone with **respect** because **everyone is special** and deserves to be cared for – **regardless of where they live.**



## HOW DO YOU HELP?

**We work with each person** to find out the best way to help them.

For people who are **rough sleeping**, we can provide food and drink, supplies and emergency shelter. We also have drop-in centres with support, advice and facilities.

**We run Lifehouses** where people can stay for the long term. There we help **people prepare for life**, with job support, counselling, lifeskills and rediscovering how good life can be.

We also have **homes for people** who are ready for independent living, with help on hand if needed.



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