

# How to help someone who is homeless

If someone phones up or presents themselves as homeless at your church, here are some guidelines on how to help them.

**For emergency medical help, call 999.**

**Put them in touch with local homelessness services:**

**StreetLink** helps connect anyone sleeping rough to local services.

You can contact them via their website: [streetlink.org.uk](http://streetlink.org.uk).

Once on their site, you will find further instructions.

**Or, if you don't have access to a computer:**

**The Compass Centre** is Bristol's assessment centre for homeless people.

It's at 1 Jamaica Street, BS2 8JP (just off the Bear Pit). Tel. 0117 9440581.

Assessment times for rough sleepers are on Mon, Wed, Thu + Fri at 10am.

**The Methodist Centre**, Lincoln Street, BS5 0BJ, hosts assessments on Tuesdays at 11am.

There is a first come, first served basis, so people need to turn up on time to be assessed.

**Emergency food:**

**The Wild Goose Drop-in Centre**, 32 Stapleton Road, Easton, BS5 0QY.

Hot breakfast, lunch and dinner. 10:30 – 15:00 Mon, Wed, Thu + Fri.

20:00 – 21:45 all evenings except Saturday.

**Bristol Soup Run** gives away soup and sandwiches 365 evenings a year.

Pip n Jay church, Tower Hill, BS2 0ET at 21:15, and Redcliffe Wharf around 21:30.

**The Methodist Centre**, Lincoln Street, Lawrence Hill, BS5 0BJ.

Breakfast and lunch. Mon 13:15 – 15:30 (lunch only), Tue, Wed + Thu 10:00 – 15:30.

**Emergency shelter:**

**The Julian Trust**, 16 Little Bishop Street, St Pauls, BS2 9JF. Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat.

This night shelter for men and women operates on a first come, first served basis.

Queuing for one of their 18 beds typically begins outside the shelter at 5pm.

**Spring of Hope** is a women-only night shelter, open Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed + Thu.

To find out if there's space, contact Val Thompson on 07990 715691.