

Emergency placement is provided in some subvented residential care homes for the elderly and nursing homes to offer temporary or short-term residential care service for elders. It serves the objective of guarding the elders against risks arising from lack of immediate care/accommodation until their next-of-kin are located for the elders' restoration to families or other alternatives are arranged.

Provision of Emergency Places

Emergency placement service in residential care homes for the elderly and nursing homes is provided in the form of places designated for the aforesaid purpose as per the following types of service:

- Nursing Home;
- Care and Attention Home for the Elderly; and
- Home for the Aged.

Target Group

Elders aged 65 or above* who meet the basic criteria for admission to residential care homes for the elderly or nursing homes, conditions (6) and (7) below as well as one or more of conditions (1) to (5) below may be accepted for emergency placement:

1. homeless without the prospect of immediate restoration to family; or
2. evicted (or facing imminent eviction) from the accommodation for various reasons; or
3. fit for discharge from hospital upon completion of medical treatment yet having difficulty in taking care of himself/herself or having no suitable caregivers; or
4. in acute immediate need of alternative placement due to relationship problem at existing residence and in weak health to the extent that immediate removal/transfer is necessary to avoid risks to lives, such as elder abuse cases; or

5. unavailability or inability of caregivers owing to acute unforeseeable crisis situation such as hospitalisation or imprisonment of caregivers or sudden deterioration of the elder's health condition which cannot be coped with by the caregivers and community support services with the result that the elder's continuous stay in his/her home will pose dangers to his/her health; and
6. certified free from contagious diseases; and
7. mentally fit for communal living and having no persistent tendency to violence, self-destruction/self-injury or disruptive behaviour.

Referral Procedures

Referrals for admission to emergency placement should be made by a social worker. Elders or persons acting on behalf of the elders may approach casework service units (e.g. Integrated Family Service Centres and Medical Social Services Units) or elderly service units for assistance if required.

Duration of Stay

The period of stay should not exceed three months save for very exceptional circumstances with justifications.

* Persons aged between 60 and 64 may apply if there is a proven need.

Please visit the website of the Social Welfare Department at www.swd.gov.hk for details.



Emergency Placement
in Residential Care Homes for the Elderly

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長者緊急住宿服務

緊急住宿服務設於部分受資助的安老院舍和護養院，為長者提供臨時或短期的住宿照顧服務。這項服務旨在避免長者因缺乏即時的照顧／居所而發生危險，故提供緊急和臨時的住宿照顧，直至與長者的家人取得聯絡，安排接回長者返家照顧；或另作安排。



服務類別

受資助安老院舍和護養院內的緊急住宿服務以指定宿位形式提供，服務的類別包括：

- 護養院；
- 護理安老院；以及
- 安老院。

服務對象

年齡達65歲或以上*的長者須符合入住安老院舍／護養院的基本要求，下述第(6)與(7)項的條件，以及第(1)至(5)項中至少一項條件，方可獲接納入住緊急宿位：

1. 無家可歸而未能即時返家與家人重聚；或
2. 由於任何原因而被／將被逐出現住的居所；或
3. 在醫院接受治療後已可出院的長者，但不能即時回家自我照顧或沒有合適的護老者；或

4. 由於長者在原居所與同住的人士出現相處問題及體弱，須即時遷出／遷移以避免生命受到威脅(如虐老個案)，因此需要即時緊急宿位；或
5. 護老者由於住院或入獄等無法預見的危急情況而不能提供照顧，或長者健康狀況突然轉壞而其護老者或社區支援服務不能應付，以致長者繼續逗留在原居所會危害其健康；以及
6. 證實無傳染病；以及
7. 精神狀況適合群體生活，並沒有持續的暴力傾向、自毀／自殘或滋擾行為。

轉介手續

緊急住宿服務必須由社工轉介。長者或其代表在有需要時，可聯絡個案服務單位(如綜合家庭服務中心和醫務社會服務部)或長者服務單位，以尋求協助。

入住時間

除情況非常特殊，否則緊急宿位的入住時間不可以超逾三個月。

* 年齡介乎60至64歲之間的人士，如證實確有需要入住院舍，亦可提出申請。

詳情請瀏覽社會福利署網頁

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