



# Home Assist Secure

Home Assist Secure is a State Government program administered in Queensland by the Department of Housing. The Home Assist Secure services aim to remove some of the practical housing-related difficulties experienced by older people and people with a disability who wish to remain living in their home.

The service provides free information and referrals about home maintenance, falls prevention, repairs and modifications and home security.

Subsidised assistance for minor home maintenance, repairs and modifications which relate to health, safety and security, is also available for eligible clients. Recurrent funds are provided to community-based organisations to employ staff and to pay tradespeople to provide Home Assist Secure services.

## Program objectives

Home Assist Secure can help people feel safer living at home, have easier access to and within their home, and incorporate home security routines into their daily activities.

## Program target groups

To be eligible for free information and referrals, people must be 60 years and over, or of any age with a disability, who live in their own home or in private rental housing.

To be eligible for subsidised assistance, people must also receive an Australian Government payment or allowance and be unable to make use of alternative forms of assistance, such as Home and Community Care, Veterans Affairs, family or friends.

*\*Please note that Home Assist Secure does not undertake work that is considered to be the responsibility of the landlord (lessor) under residential tenancies legislation or other tenancy agreements.*

## Eligibility for funding

The following types of organisations are eligible to be considered for management of properties under the program:

- not-for-profit incorporated organisations
- local governments
- Aboriginal or Island Councils.

Home Assist Secure has reached its capacity and opportunities for funding new services are limited.

## Funding conditions

To receive funding or other assistance from the Department of Housing to provide a housing service, organisations must:

- be registered under the *Housing Act 2003*
- be bound by the terms and conditions of the program specifications and the Assistance Agreement entered into with the Department of Housing.

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### **A snapshot of the Home Assist Secure Program**

Commenced: 1993  
Number of Home Assist Secure Providers: 41  
Number of households assisted in 2006-07: 60,000  
Locations: Throughout Queensland

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