



What do you know about leaving home?

Answer sheet

1. When are you legally allowed to leave home?

- 16 18 21 don't know

2. In which of these situations would you think of someone as homeless?
(tick as many as you think)

- they have no choice but to sleep rough
- their parents are threatening to kick them out at the end of the month and they have nowhere to go
- they don't feel safe where they live because of violence or abuse at home, but nobody is threatening to kick them out or asking them to leave
- they're staying on their sister's sofa but she wants them to leave soon
- they live with a step-parent and they argue with them all the time

3. You had a huge row with your mum a couple of weeks ago and she threw you out, telling you not to come back. You've been staying at your friend's place since then but they want you to move out today. Where would you go for help?

Possible answers: the council – housing office or social work; Shelter's free housing advice help line; www.leavinghome.info; ChildLine.

4. You go to the council and tell them you have nowhere to stay. What do they have to do for you? (tick as many as you think)

- nothing – it's up to you to sort it out
- give you advice and information on how to get things sorted
- find you a temporary place to stay if they find you are homeless
- offer you a house if they find you are homeless - but it might not be an area of your choosing
- let you choose where you want to stay and move in when you need to

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5. True or false?

	true	false
the average age for leaving home in Scotland is about 22	✓	<input type="radio"/>
if you're on benefits you don't have to worry about paying rent	<input type="radio"/>	✓
there are huge waiting lists for council houses, you need to apply early	✓	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Waiting lists are different for different areas so it depends what area you live in</i>		
if you're pregnant and over 16 it's really easy to get a council house	<input type="radio"/>	✓
Shelter's free housing advice helpline is only for homeless people	<input type="radio"/>	✓
<i>Anyone can phone this free helpline for all sorts of housing advice; you don't have to wait until you have huge housing problems before you ask for help.</i>		

6. Add 3 things to the list below that you have to think about when you're leaving home:

1. Finding a place to stay

Possible answers: where you will live; how you will afford the rent; furnishing & decorating; budgeting; paying for bills; shopping; cooking; cleaning; your rights as a tenant.

7. What do you know about the following organisations/helplines/websites?

Organisation/ Helpline/website	I've heard of them	I know what they do	I know where they are/how to contact them
ChildLine			
Citizens Advice Bureau			
www.leavinghome.info			
Shelter's free housing advice helpline			
Roof Aid Centre			
Library			
Housing Department at the Council			
Young Scot Info Line			

**There is no such organisation as the Roof Aid Centre.*

8. What age do you think you will leave home at?

9. How do you feel about leaving home and having your own place?

- great! I don't think I'll have many problems
- fairly confident – I know where to go to get the info and advice I need
- a bit nervous – it's a big move and I'm not in a hurry
- I'm never leaving home it's way too scary!