

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information and advice please contact us. You may contact us in the following ways:-

- By visiting the Civic Centre in Pershore and speaking to one of our Customer Service Advisors.
- By visiting one of our other 'One-Stop Shops' at Droitwich or Evesham.
- By telephoning us on: 01386 565384/8.
- By faxing us on: 01386 561092
- By writing to us at:-
Building Consultancy
Wychavon District Council
Planning Department
Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive
Pershore, Worcs. WR10 1PT
- By e-mailing us at:
buildingconsultancy@wychavon.gov.uk
- By visiting our Web Site at:
www.labc-services.co.uk/wychavon

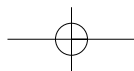
REGISTRATION

Further information about registration may be obtained from:

**The County Inspectorate
Worcestershire Council Council
County Hall, Spetchley Road
Worcester
Tel: 01905 727830**



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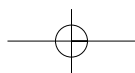


**The Building Regulations 2000
Guidance notes for
Small Residential Care Homes**

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INTRODUCTION

A small home is a property where the owners are providing residential care for up to three people and are required to register under The Registered Homes (Amendment) Act 1991.

Below are the answers to the most frequent enquiries.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do I need Building Regulation approval if I want to use my property as a small home?

Yes, if you need to register with the County Inspectorate, then you will also need approval under the Building Regulations

How do I go about obtaining Building Regulation approval?

You will need to fill in a building notice form, obtainable from the Civic Centre in Pershore or from our 'One-Stop' Shops at Droitwich or Evesham, detailing the extent of the works together with sketch layout plans and the necessary charge (£50.00 + VAT).

What happens then?

Your Building Notice is checked by a Building Control Officer and the statutory consultation with all other relevant Authorities will be undertaken on your behalf. An acceptance letter will then be issued.

If I am only offering occasional respite care, do I still need Building Regulation approval?

If your house is two storeys high or less, you will probably only be asked to install smoke detectors. You will also need some fire extinguishers and a fire blanket in the kitchen. If you need to do anything else, you will be contacted by the Building Control service.

If your house is three storeys, you will also need to make all doors opening onto the stairway fire resisting and self closing and you may need to provide an alternative means of escape at the base of your stairway.

What if my house is more than three storeys?

Please consult the Building Control office.

Do I need any tests?

Yes, you need to have your electrical system tested by a registered electrical contractor who is accredited through ECA or NICEIC and can give you a certificate to say it is safe. If it is not safe you should upgrade the system as necessary. Please send the 'electrical certificate' to the Building Control office.

What happens when all the work is finished?

Your local Building Control officer will inspect the premises and if everything is all right, issue a 'completion certificate'.

