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BORDERS **CARE & REPAIR**

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This Borders-wide service can help with:

- Making your home more comfortable
- Improving the safety and security of your home
- Carrying out handyperson jobs
- Advising on home upgrades and adaptation grant funding

If you are:

- A homeowner over 60 years of age
- A tenant over 60 years of age
- Those of any age with a disability

At Borders Care & Repair we firmly believe that prevention is better than cure. That is why so much of our activity and expenditure is focussed upon falls prevention. For an older person, a fall can be a traumatic event, often with life changing consequences. In recognition of this, Borders Care & Repair have fitted over 35,000 grab rails, have managed major adaptations including stair lifts, level access showers and ramps and completed minor adaptations including overstep rails which have made a significant contribution to keeping our older residents safe.

As well as the physical and mental impact of a fall on the sufferer, there are also financial implications. In the Borders the average length of stay in hospital of someone over the age of 65, who has been the victim of a fall, is 25 days. The direct health costs of a fractured hip is approximately £12,000 with an additional £3,900 in social care costs post-hospital release.

An analysis carried out on the impact of the work that Borders Care & Repair has had in the area of falls prevention, showed a reduction in almost 70% of recorded falls by our customers against the anticipated falls for the over 70's as a whole throughout the Borders.

We have worked closely with our key partner, Scottish Borders Council. This partnership has made a significant contribution to ensuring that older residents of the Borders, continue to live independent and productive lives.





Caring, Committed, Connected, Creative

Borders Care and Repair is provided by our team based in Selkirk. An annual subscription of £47 a year will allow you to join the 'Handyperson Club'. They can then visit you in your own home and provide any of the services below. The lists are not exhaustive so please give us a call, if we can help, we will. There is no limit to the number of visits.

HANDY PERSON SERVICE

This service, provided by our experienced handyperson, will help you to live in comfort, safety and security by carrying out small DIY tasks.

- Home safety check
- Fitting light bulbs
- Fitting smoke alarms or battery changing
- Fitting door locks, chains or viewers
- Replacing tap washers or unblocking sinks
- Fitting of curtain rails or curtain hanging
- Picture hanging

ADAPTATIONS SERVICE

Our Occupational Therapist can assess and advise on improvements to your home to meet a physical need, either by phone or by a home visit.

- Fitting grab rails
- Fitting bath/shower aids
- Fitting level access shower
- Fitting ramp access

HOME IMPROVEMENTS ADVICE

This service provides advice on improvements and repairs which would be essential to bring your home up to basic standards. All work is arranged and supervised by our trained staff.

- Rising/penetrating damp
- Replacement of lead piping
- Electrical rewiring
- Providing bath/shower facilities
- Providing a satisfactory kitchen
- Window Replacement
- Provide an internal WC



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with our key partner Scottish
Borders Council



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