# Emergency Shelter

## Need Shelter?

Find out about shelters and other supports if you or someone you know is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Emergency Shelters provide short stay accommodation of 30 days or less.

### Emergency Shelters – Open Every Day

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<th>Women – Island Crisis Care Society</th>
<th>250-753-1474</th>
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<td>Samaritan House - 355 Nicol St, Nanaimo</td>
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<td>Adult women; and children and youth with Ministry permission (up to 19 for males). Low barrier, but no drugs or alcohol allowed on premises.</td>
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<th>Men – The Salvation Army</th>
<th>250-714-1142</th>
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<td>New Hope Centre - 19 Nicol St, Nanaimo</td>
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<td>Shelter users are not permitted to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. No pets. Some storage space available for belongings.</td>
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<th>Youth - Friendship Lelum Youth Safe House</th>
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<td>For ‘at risk youth’ between 12 and 18 years old. Low barrier, but no drugs or alcohol allowed on premises.</td>
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### Extreme / Cold Weather Shelters – Nov 1 – March 31 2014

Extreme weather shelters are open between November 1 to March 31 when weather conditions may threaten the health and safety of those sleeping outside. Call to check when shelters are open or look for notices posted outside.

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<th>Nanaimo - First Unitarian Fellowship Church</th>
<th>250-754-3720</th>
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<td>595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo</td>
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<td>Pets allowed. Storage for belongings. Low barrier, but no drugs or alcohol permitted on premises.</td>
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<th>Parksville/Qualicum – The Salvation Army</th>
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<td>187 Alberni Highway, Parksville</td>
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<td>Outdoor kennel for pets. Storage for belongings. Low barrier, but no drugs or alcohol allowed on premises.</td>
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For more information please refer to the [Shelter General Notice](#).
Need More Help?

**HOST – Homelessness Outreach and Support Team**

126 Haliburton Street, Nanaimo  
Mon-Fri Walk-in Office Service Available 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Provides help for those who are homeless including:

- Help finding temporary shelter and permanent affordable housing
- Support and referrals for addiction and mental health issues
- Street level Outreach Workers and Nurses
- Shower, phone & internet access

**Vancouver Island Crisis Line**  
1-888-494-3888
Crisis, emotional support and help with problem solving

**Society of Organized Services**  
250 248-2093  
245 West Hirst Avenue, Parksville  
Supports and services for those facing homelessness in School District 69

**Manna Homelessness Society (Nanoose to Qualicum Bay)**  
250-248-0845  
Provide food, essentials and housing referrals for those facing homelessness

**Are you a Victim of Violence or Other Crimes?**

If you are homeless or need to leave your home due to violence and other crimes the following organizations offer support, information and referrals to help you find safe housing.

**Nanaimo Area**

**Nanaimo RCMP Victim Services** (303 Prideaux St. Nanaimo)  
250-755-3146  
Women, Children and Youth

**Haven Society – Outreach & Community Victims Services**  
250-756-2452  
24-hour Crisis Line  
1-888-756-0616 / 250-756-0616 (or 911)

**Parksville Area**

**RCMP Victim Services** (727 West Island Highway, Parksville)  
250-954-2277  
Women, Children and Youth

**Haven Society – Outreach & Community Victims Services**  
250-248-3500  
24-hour Crisis Line  
1-888-756-0616 / 250-756-0616 (or 911)

Please call 911 if your safety is at risk

**Find More Community Resources**

**Community Resources Database**  
1-888-494-3888  
In addition to crisis support the [Vancouver Island Crisis Line](tel:1-888-494-3888) provides community resource information and access to Mental Health Crisis Response Team when appropriate.