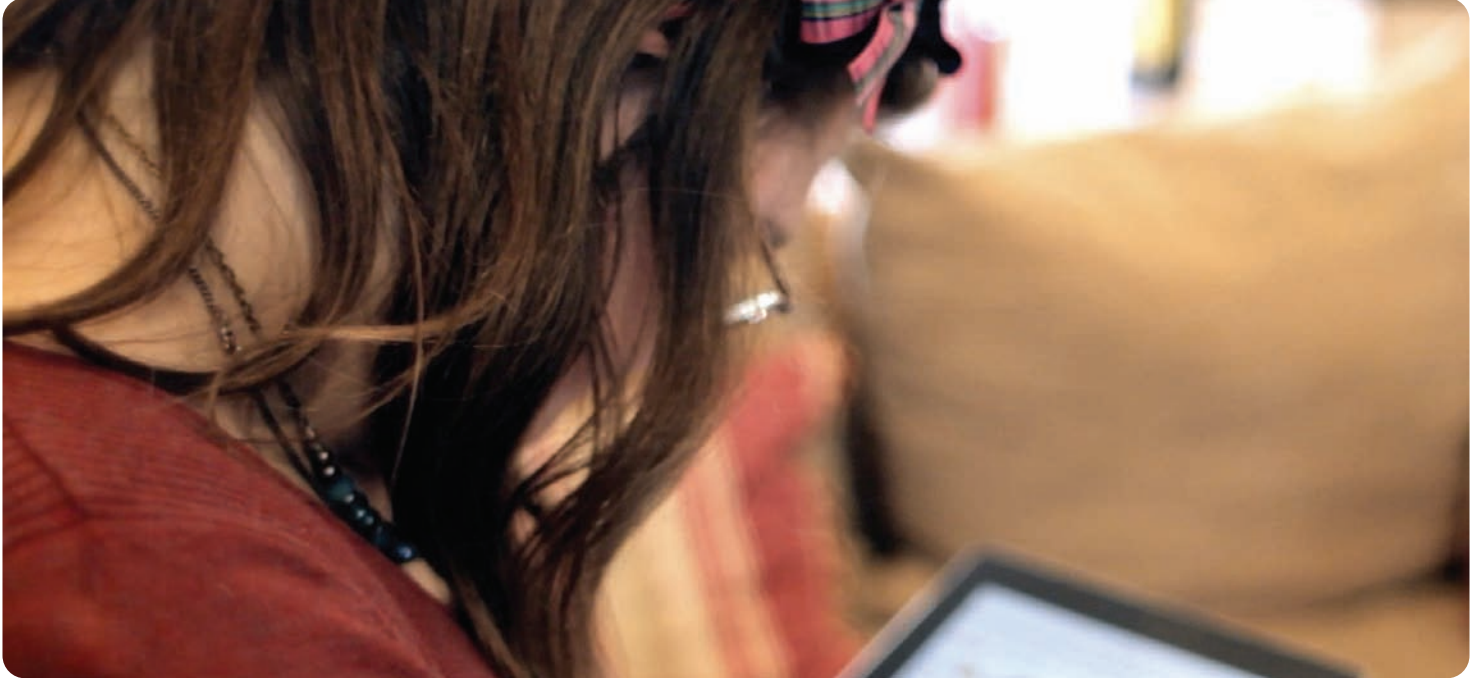




**Down's Syndrome  
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Living the Way You Want Series



# Paying Bills

*Easy Read*

A Down's Syndrome Association Publication

## About this leaflet



→ This leaflet is made by the Down's Syndrome Association.



→ It is in **Easy Read**.

**Easy Read** means easy words with pictures to help everyone understand.



→ We ask **Having a Voice groups** to help us make Easy Read information.



→ **Having a Voice groups** are groups of people with Down's syndrome. They help people have their say.



→ **Having a Voice groups** make sure the Easy Read information is easy to understand.



→ You can find out more about **Having a Voice** on the Down's Syndrome Association website.

## What is in this leaflet?



→ This leaflet is about **paying your bills**.

**Bills** are things you need to pay for.

## What you can learn

You can learn about:



→ • what you need to pay for



→ • how to pay your bills



→ • who can help you pay your bills

## What do I need money for?



→ When you live in your own home there are things you need to pay for. These are called **bills**.



→ **Rent** is probably the biggest bill. **Rent** is the money you pay for where you live.



→ You have to pay for **utilities** or **services** such as water and electric and gas.



→ You have to pay for a **television licence** if you have a television or watch television on your computer.



→ You have to pay to use the internet in your house. You will pay an **internet provider**.



→ You may have to pay **council tax**.

**Council tax** is money you pay to the council. It pays for things like having your bins emptied and street lighting.



→ Some people only pay one bill that includes all your rent and bills.



→ You will need some money left over to buy other things you want and need.

Things you might spend money on are:



→ • food



→ • clothes



→ • hobbies



→ • going out



→ **What do you need to spend money on?**

Write or draw it here.



## How do I pay for the things I need?



### → Jobs

Some people have a job. Money from your job can help you pay your bills.

Don't worry if you don't have a job. There are other ways to pay bills.



### → Housing benefit

Money for **rent** can come from **housing benefit**.

**Housing benefit** is money to help people live in their own home.



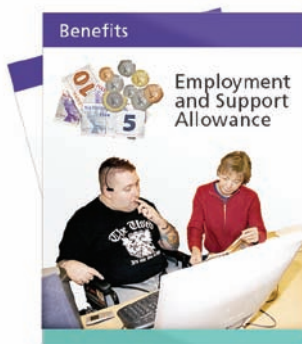
→ Your **local council** decides how much housing benefit you will get.



→ The person or organisation who owns your house or flat is called a **landlord**.

Sometimes housing benefit is paid straight to the **landlord**.

Find out if your housing benefit is paid this way.



→ **Benefits**

You may need money from other benefits. Some benefits you may get are:

- **Income Support**
- **Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Personal Independence Payment**



→ Your benefits are paid by the **Department of Work and Pensions**. They are part of the government.





→ You need to apply to get your benefits.

You can ask someone to help you get the right benefits.

## More information



→ Ask your carer or social worker for more information about paying your bills.

## Thank you



→ Thank you for reading this leaflet!  
We hope this leaflet has helped you.

## Tell us what you think



→ We want to know what you think about this leaflet.

Email what you think to:  
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The Down's Syndrome Association provides information and support on all aspects of living with Down's syndrome. We also work to champion the rights of people with Down's syndrome, by campaigning for change and challenging discrimination. A wide range of Down's Syndrome Association publications can be downloaded free of charge from our website.

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