Funds in Court

Building a house

and

Doing work to your house

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You may be able to;

- build a house

  and

- do work to your house

with your court money, if you can afford it.

You may need to change your house.

For example,

- build a ramp.

  You can get into your house in a wheelchair

  or

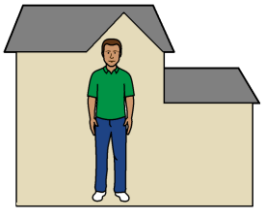
- put a hoist in your bathroom.

You may need to fix your house. For example,

- the roof leaks

  or

- the wall has a crack in it.



The house must be for you.

You must live in the house.

Do **not**

- sign a contract

or

- pay any money.

The Senior Master must agree to everything.

You may own your house.

You may have paid for your house with your

- court money

or

- own money.

Your family may own the house you live in.

For example, your parents own the house.

More than 1 person may own the house you live in.

For example,

- you

and

- your wife or husband

own your house.

Your rights

You own your house.

You make changes to your house.

Your house will be worth more money.

You must change the insurance.

Your Trust Officer will help you.

Someone else owns the house you live in.

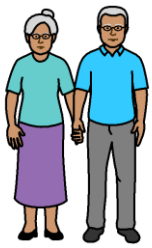
For example, your family own the house.

You make changes to the house with your court money.

For example, you pay for a new car port.

The house will be worth more money.

The car port will make the house worth more money.



Your family may sell the house.

They will get extra money.

- Your Trust Officer

  and

- the Senior Master

will make sure **you** get **your** extra money.

Your extra money will go back to the

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The Senior Master

The Senior Master is in charge of your

- new house

You will have a say about your

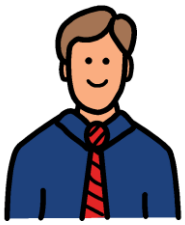
- new house

  or

- changes to your house

but

The Senior Master has the final say.



The Senior Master will always

talk to your Trust Officer about

- your needs
- how much money you have.

How to

- **build a house**

  or

- **do work to your house**

Talk to your Trust Officer

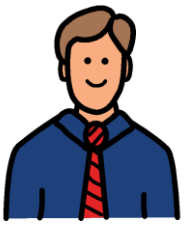
Your Trust Officer will talk to the Senior Master.

You need to show the Senior Master you

- need to build or change your house
- have enough money to build or change your house.

Your Trust Officer will help you.

You need 2 things



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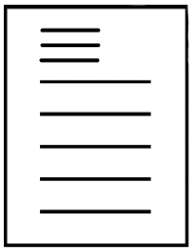


1 A report from

- an Occupational therapist
- a Client Liaison Officer

or

- a builder.

The report must say why you need to

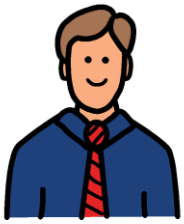
- build a house

or

- do work to your house.

2 A letter from the builder.

The builder will write down how much the work will cost.



Your Trust Officer will get these.

You are building a new house

You must use a house planner.

This is called an architect.

The house planner will say what

your house will look like.

Your Trust Officer will give your paperwork to the Senior Master.

The Senior Master will check

- you get a good deal

  and

- the work will be good.

The Senior Master says **no**.

You can **not**

- build your house

  or

- do work to your house.

Talk to your Trust Officer.

The Senior Master says **yes**.

You can

- build your house

  or

- do work to your house.

2 trustees will be the legal owners of your house.

A trustee is a lawyer.

The trustees own the house for you.

The trustees

- read all the legal papers

Your trustee will sign your contract.

Work can start.

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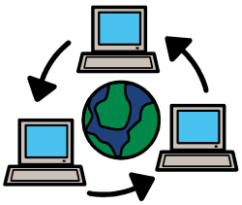

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