

JOBS

Age Action's Care and Repair does small DIY jobs for older people to help them maintain their homes and their independence. Care and Repair does jobs that might be more difficult to complete as we get older but not big enough to call in a tradesperson.

Age Action's Care and Repair prioritises carrying out jobs in the homes of older people who are being discharged or have recently been discharged from hospital. If someone is coming out of hospital, no matter where they live, we would support them to make sure their house is safe. Care and Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails, replace toilet seats or move a bed downstairs to make sure the home is ready for their return.

For any job that is too big or specialised for our team we can provide details of local tradespeople.

Care and Repair job categories

Age Action's Care and Repair categorises three types of Care and Repair 'jobs':

1. **Hospital-related jobs:** These jobs are completed by Care and Repair for people who are in hospital at the time of job completion or recently discharged.
2. **Prevention jobs:** These jobs are completed by Care and Repair to support the prevention of crisis that could lead to hospital admission. Examples of prevention jobs are installing mobility aids, installing carbon monoxide alarms, decluttering internal walkways. These jobs usually relate to health and safety.
3. **Community care jobs:** These jobs do not relate to someone's health and safety but support people to live well at home. Example of these jobs are painting and gardening, these jobs usually are more aesthetic or superficial. These jobs tend to be completed by Volunteers in the areas where we operate volunteer led Care and Repair; Dublin, Galway, Cork and Donegal.

Jobs completed by Care and Repair

The following is a list of jobs that are currently completed by Care and Repair's maintenance teams and volunteers.

- Paint door/gate/chair/windowsill or other small item
- Change bulb/fuse/battery
- Change plug-top on appliance
- Replace toilet seat
- Hang pictures, shelf etc
- Warped doors and frames sanded down
- Unclog drains
- Install draft excluders
- De-clutter jobs- bags should be ready to dispose of and limited to 2 hours
- Re-fit patio doors

Aug 2024

- Hang curtains/polls
- Change internal door handle
- Repair hinges on kitchen cupboard
- Unblock sink
- Install handrails
- Lockbox/keysafe/letterbox
- Bannisters
- Change front/back door lock
- Fixing/installing simple bolt locks
- Move furniture
- Carpet nailed down
- Lino removed or glued down
- Saddle boards removed for wheelchair access
- Smoke alarm/carbon monoxide alarms
- Fit shower seat
- Install cat-flap
- Mobility aids / drop-down handles
- Bed rail
- Putting up clothes lines
- Sweep leaves etc
- Trim small hedge
- Weeding/general tidy-up
- Install battery powered sensor lights

The following is a list of jobs that cannot be completed by Age Action's Care and Repair:

- Grass cutting
- Anything above step-ladder height
- Anything with electricity or water (electrician or plumber needed)
- Changing washer on tap (water must be cut off at source & not RGI registered)
- Painting full room- only small areas
- Remove bags of waste
- Bleeding radiators