

Four Categories of the Homeless Definition

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What is Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless? ([§ 578.3](#))

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

1. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; **or**
2. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); **or**
3. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Note: An individual or family only needs to meet one of the three subcategories to qualify as Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless.

Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

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What is Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence ([§ 578.3](#))?

Any individual or family who:

1. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
2. Has no other residence; and
3. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Note: For the purposes of this binder, “Domestic Violence” includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or him or her afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residence (including human trafficking).

Domestic Violence and Homelessness Information

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