

The Wende Foundation is the organisation responsible for abuse shelter for women and men in The Hague, Zoetermeer and the surrounding area. Drawing on its long experience and expertise, the foundation offers accessible shelter for women and men, prevention, information and advice, mobile support and temporary accommodation in situations of domestic violence. The Wende Foundation is AWBZ accredited and HKZ certified.



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Abuse Shelter for Men

Temporary shelter for men who have been threatened or abused



070 392 57 74

on workdays between 9.00 a.m. and 17.00 p.m.

in emergencies: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

For whom?

The Wende Foundation offers safe shelter to men over the age of 18 who are subjected to serious threats and no longer feel safe in their own home.

Men, for example, who

- are physically or psychologically abused by their partner
- are victims of violence at the hands of family members defending the family honour
- are victims of violence because they have a homosexual relationship

Do you no longer feel safe and do you want to leave your home as quickly as possible? The Wende Foundation will arrange temporary shelter in a house at a secret location. A safe place where you can calm down and where, with guidance from our staff, you can change your life.

What's the first step?

You telephone the Advice and Intake office and make an appointment to talk with one of our social workers. This talk can usually take place on the same day you call. The talk gives you the opportunity to explain your situation. Whatever you say is, of course, confidential. The social worker owes a duty of confidentiality to you and no one will know that you have been to see us. When circumstances require, we will do our best to ensure that you can move to a secret address the same day or the following day. You are responsible for arranging your own transport.

What should you take with you?

It's likely that you will spend some time at the shelter so it's important that you take the following items with you: passport or residence permit, citizen service number (BSN), money, giro or bank account number, health insurance details, clothing, toiletries and medication. Towels, sheets and kitchen items are provided at the shelter. You can also take treasured personal possessions like photographs or books.

Who do you tell?

Tell as few people as possible that you're leaving. You can always phone friends, acquaintances and family from your new home. Do not tell anyone WHERE you live. It may also be possible to take your children with you to the shelter. Pets are not allowed.

What's your new home like?

You live in a house, together with other men who find themselves in the same situation as you. You have your own room and washbasin. The house also has a communal kitchen, shower and toilet. You're responsible for your own house-keeping; you clean your own room, go shopping and prepare your own meals. You're also expected to help keep the house clean.

Shelter rules

The most important rule is: keep the address secret. For your own safety, the safety of your fellow residents and the staff. It is also not allowed to receive visitors at home. Because you share the house with several residents, there are house rules which you are expected to obey.

During your stay at the shelter you will prepare yourself for the future. The Wende Foundation's staff will help you do this. Together, you will look for a solution to your problems, like where you'll go when you leave the shelter, how you should deal with your family or partner, when you can go back to work etc. You can stay at the shelter for a maximum of six months.

Cost of stay

You pay an amount for lodging each month. You pay this amount from your personal income or from an income support benefit. It's possible to apply for an income support benefit when you're at the shelter. You can use the money that's left to buy food, clothing etc.

Telephone number

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