

## Home

We have an equal right to live on our own,  
or with the people we choose, in the community,  
with the support we need.







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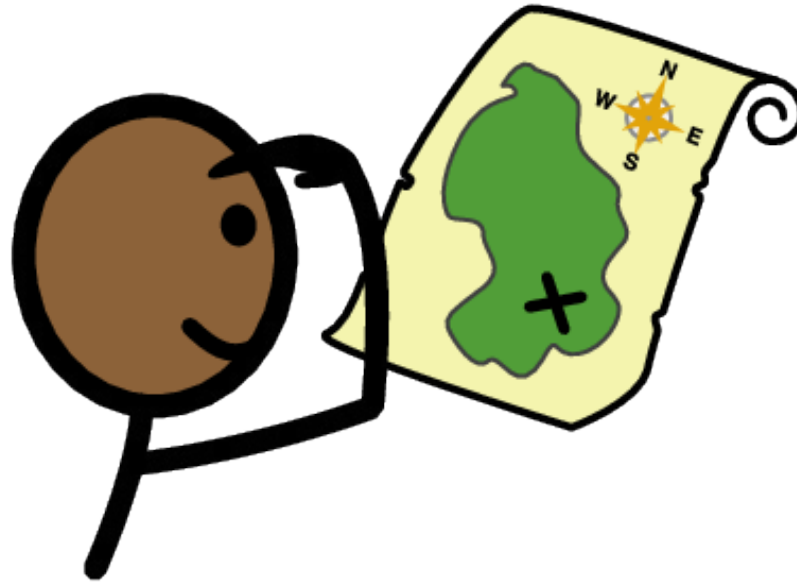
Would you like help to discuss the idea of having your own home by:

- meeting with other people who live in their own home, and their families?
- talking to organisations with experience in supporting people to have their own home?
- reading some stories about how other people are living and what kinds of things work well?
- watching some stories about how other people are living?



### What else could you do?

Write your ideas in your planning manual.

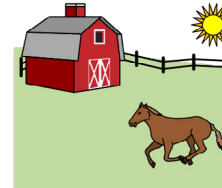
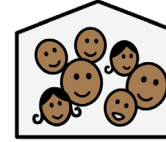


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## Do you need help to think about the different places you can live?

Do you need support to learn about different places you can live, for example:

- different suburbs - do you want to stay in the suburb you're already living in or a suburb close to or further away from where you are now?
- different towns or cities - do you want to live in the same town, in another town, in a country town, on a farm, or in another state or country?
- near friends or family - do you want or need to be close to certain people, or would they be willing to move to be near you?
- in a house, unit, flat, granny flat or duplex?
- on a quiet street, on a busy road or in a cul-de-sac?



### Where else could you live?

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**Do you want help to work out what  
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It might be helpful to create a checklist of things you need near your home, for example, do you need to be:

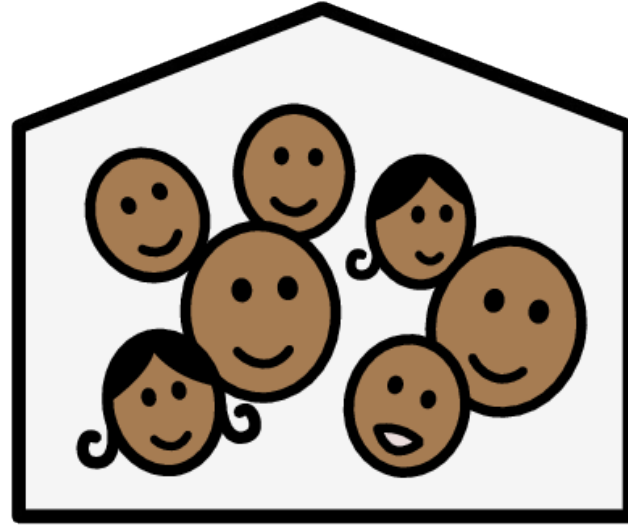
- close to places like shops, the doctor's surgery, bank, dentist or post office?
- near the train station or bus stop?
- in the same area as the places you study or work?
- close to places you like to go, such as the swimming pool or movies?
- near the communities you belong to, such as church, clubs or special interest groups?
- in an area with good accessibility, for example if you use a wheelchair or have a vision impairment?



### What else might you need close by?

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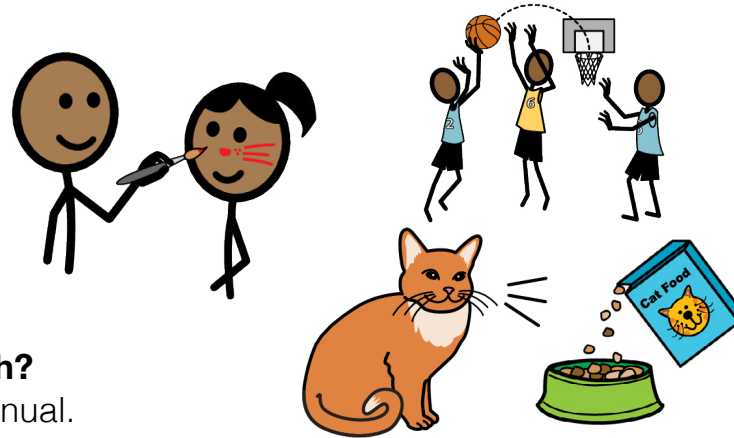


**Do you want help to think about who  
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## Do you want help to think about who you would like to live with?

Do you need help to think about who you would prefer to live with, for example:

- with friends?
- on your own?
- with a pet or assistance dog?
- someone you know from school or the places you go now?
- with your own family members, for example brothers or sisters, or members of your extended family?
- with another family?
- with new people?



### Who else might you like to live with?

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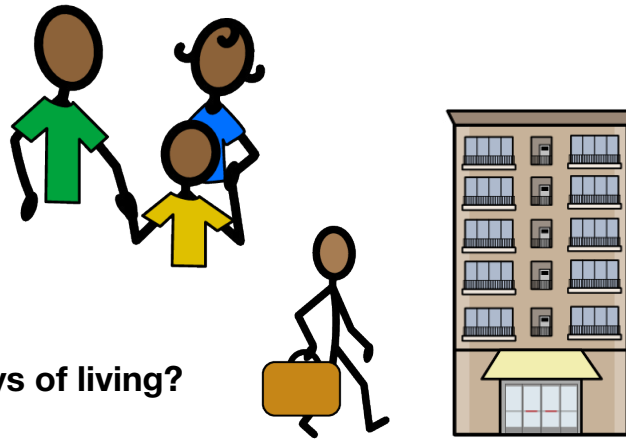


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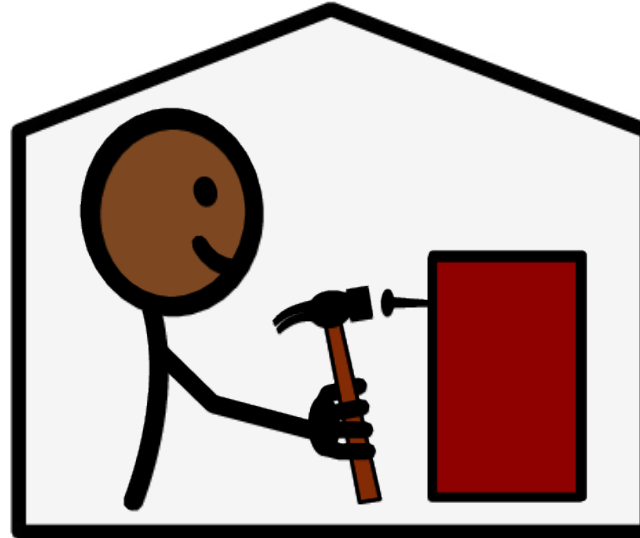
Would you like to try some different ways of living, for example:

- going on holiday with people you think you might like to share house with?
- sharing house for a short time with people who've already set up home?
- staying by yourself, or with a friend, while your parents or current house mates go away for a weekend or short holiday?
- living in a different location by renting a short stay apartment?



**How else might you try out different ways of living?**

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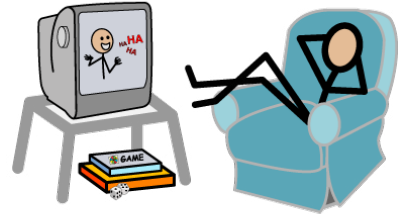


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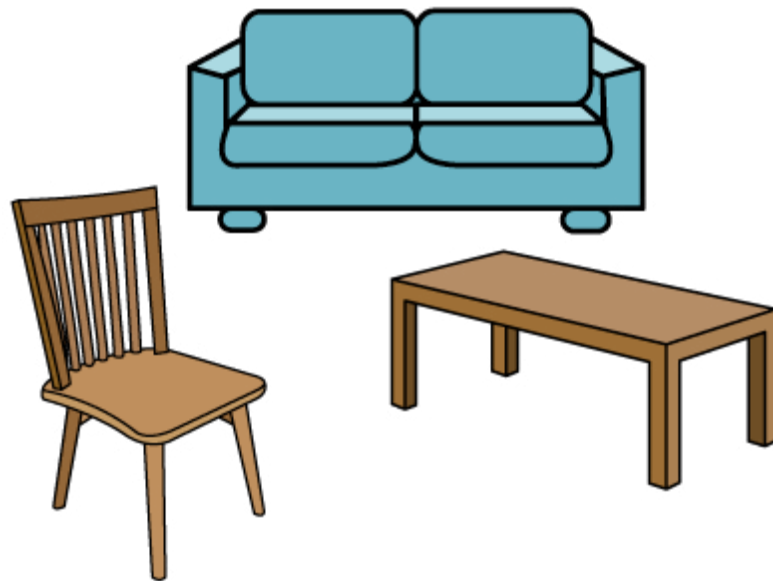
Do you need help with any of these things?

- finding a place to live, for example renting or buying your own home, or finding a home-share.
- decorating your home so it reflects your likes and personality.
- creating routines which suit you and your preferences.
- creating a home which has the feeling you want.
- upholding the role you want to have in your home, for example, do you like to be the chef, the organiser, the gardener, etc.



**What else could you need help with?**

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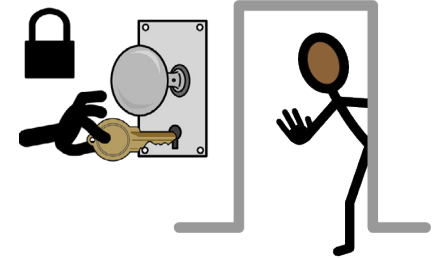
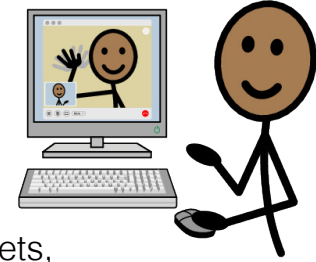


**Do you need help to set up your home  
so you are independent and safe?**

## Do you need help to set up your home so you are independent and safe?

Do you need help to:

- decide on and get the furniture and appliances you need, for example kitchen equipment, air conditioning or bedroom furniture?
- set up your phone, internet, digital TV, electricity or gas?
- modify your home to be accessible?
- get the right equipment to be independent, for example to turn on electrical devices easily?
- set up safety equipment and systems, for example fire blankets, extinguisher and evacuation in case of fire?
- learn about security and safety, for example locking your doors, or what to do when strangers come to your door?



### What else could you need help with?

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**Do you need help to look after your home?**

## Do you need help to look after your home?

Do you need help to:

- figure out which tasks at home you can do, or learn to do?
- learn about money, for example using the ATM, paying your bills, or budgeting?
- maintain your home, for example cleaning, putting out rubbish, or watering gardens?
- do everyday things like bathing, personal care or preparing meals?
- do home maintenance such as mowing your lawn or cleaning gutters?
- care for pets, for example feeding, grooming, or exercising them?
- make and get to appointments like the GP, dentist, or hairdresser?
- make a plan to manage an emergency or crisis?



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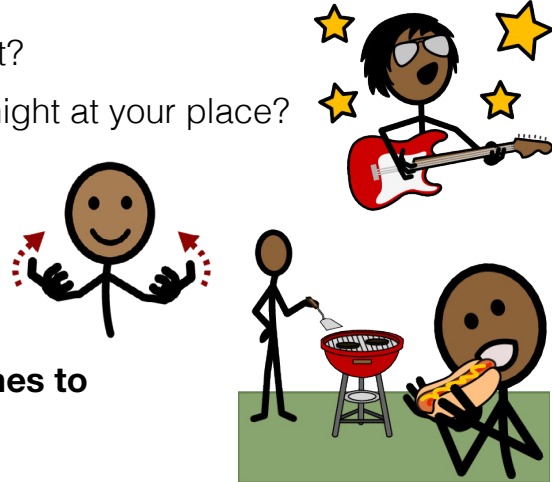


**Do you need help to invite people to be part of your life in your new home?**

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Do you need help to:

- invite friends to visit you for lunch, dinner or to just hang out?
- make phone calls, create Facebook events or write party invitations?
- plan and prepare for your guests, for example organising a barbecue, wine and cheese night, or ordering pizza?
- find DVDs and buy popcorn for a movie night?
- set up karaoke or other games for a games night at your place?



**What else do you need help with when it comes to inviting people over to your house?**

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