



Preparing Your Home

For Homecare Services



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TODAYS Agenda

Safety Assessment

Pets

Slips, Trips and Falls

Helpful Technology

Agency Requirements

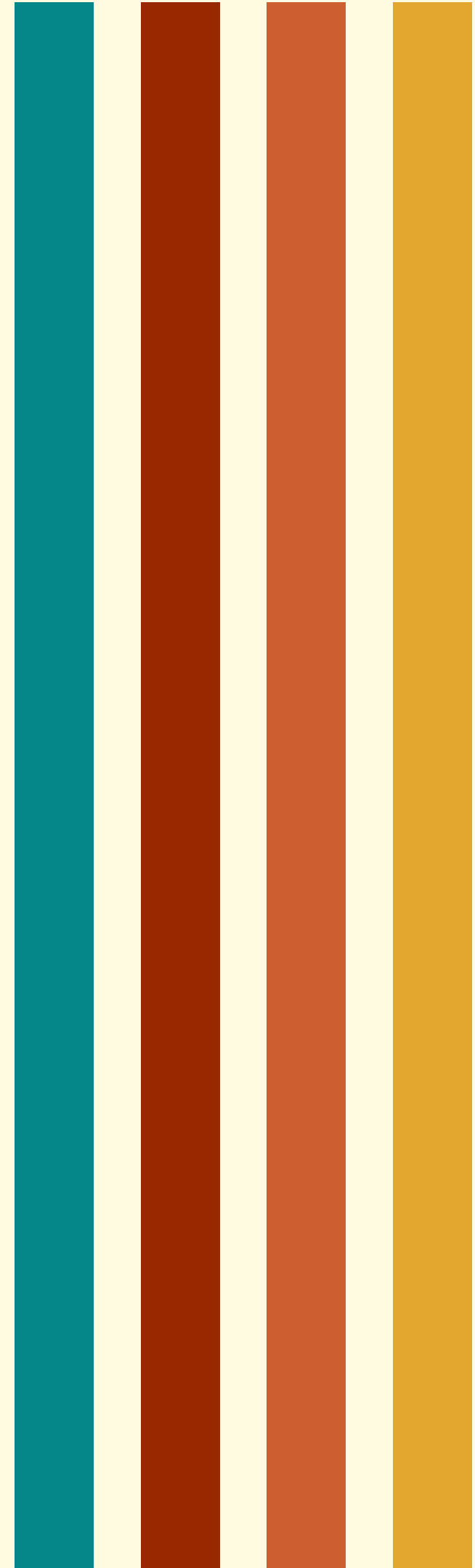
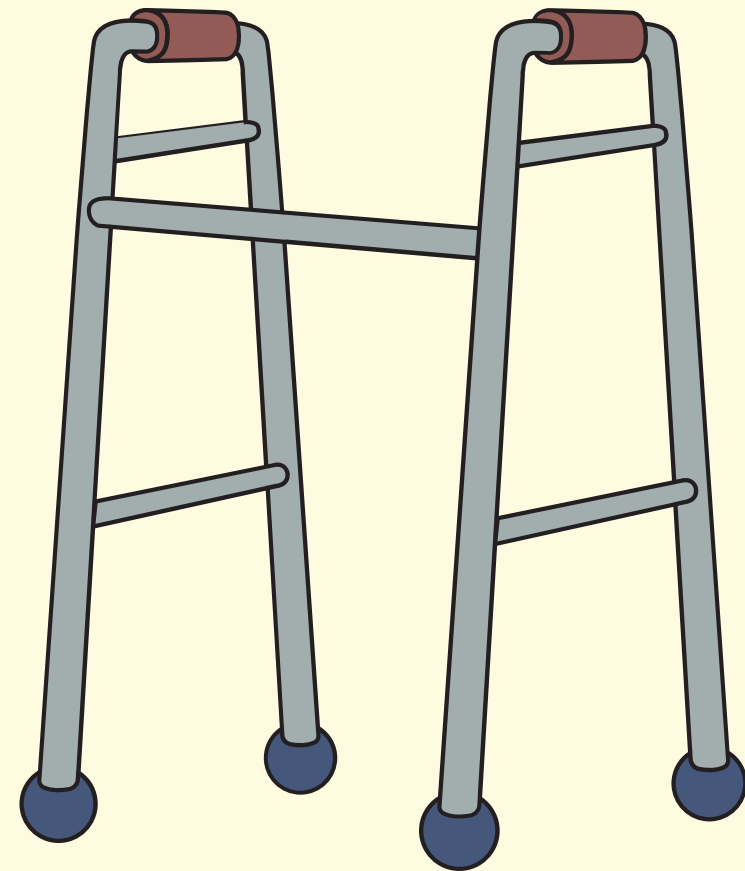
Aids to Daily Living

Questions



Safety Assessment

Before your services commence, someone will need to come to your home to complete a safety assessment





Assessment

- Un-secured firearms or weapons
- Mold or biohazards
- Community safety
- Assistive devices (Grab bars, shower chair, etc)



Criteria

- Tripping hazards
- Rodents or pests
- Pets
- Smoking in home
- Roommates or other people in home





Pets are Family



Your pet will be part of your home assessment

Traditional Model

- ✦ Pets must be locked up during visits.
- ✦ Plan for have them either in a crate, outside or locked in another room during your care.

Client Directed Model

- ✦ Check your agencies pet policy - Many allow pets to roam free
- ✦ Make sure to tell your agency if your pet is aggressive
- ✦ Many agencies can help you with pet care!



Slips Trips and Falls

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Snow Removal

Special needs assistance for Seniors



Assistive Devices

Aids to Daily Living



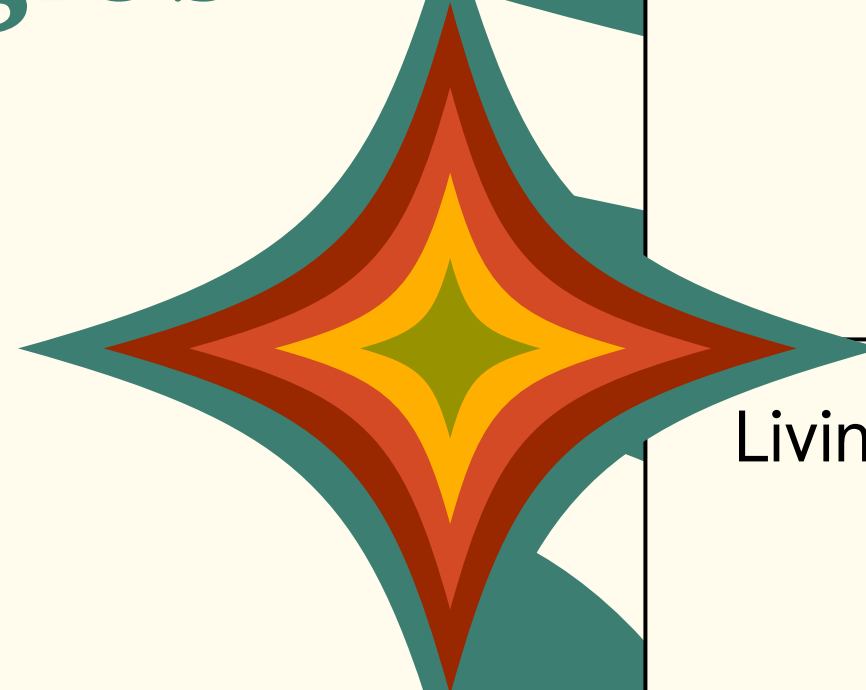
Pets

Know your pets quirks



Helpful Technologies

While not necessary, there are technologies you can invest in to make aging in your home more comfortable



Ring Doorbell	To see who is at your door, and speak with them before letting them enter
Smart thermostat	To remotely control your thermostat, or lock it for those with Dementia
LivingWell Companion Go (Telus)	GPS tracking device for those with dementia who wander
UPS - Un-interrupted power supply	Back up battery for medical devices should the power go out

Agency needs

- A place for your caregiver to wash and dry their hands
- If you have oral medication, agencies typically require they be bubble packed
- Some clients may need a door or medication lock box
- Staff typically need a safe place to park their vehicle
- The tools you need for them to provide care (For example, stockings if you require stocking assistance)



Aids to Daily Living

- back and abdominal supports
- bathing and toileting equipment*
- compression stockings and garments
- custom-made footwear
- hearing aids and FM systems
- homecare beds and accessories*
- incontinence supplies (diapers and catheters)
- injection supplies (not provided for insulin injections)
- ostomy supplies
- oxygen
- patient lifters*
- pressure reduction overlays
- prosthetic devices**
- respiratory equipment and supplies*
- shoe elevations
- specialized seating devices
- therapeutic shoes with custom modifications
- transfer aids
- walkers and walking aids
- wheelchair cushions and accessories
- wheelchairs – manual and power*

Questions?

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