

Living Together: Questions for the Older Adult

These questions can help you think about the practical and emotional consequences of moving into the home of a family member, or having them move in with you. It is important to discuss your needs and concerns with your family, as openly and honestly as you can.

<i>Consider your relationship with your child or family member:</i>	Yes	No
Have there been past conflicts?	[]	[]
If so, have they been resolved?	[]	[]
Has the relationship been one of openness and honesty?	[]	[]
Do you have a way of sorting out differences?	[]	[]
What is the status of your relationship today? _____		
How do you feel about sharing a household? _____		

<i>Consider what your new living conditions will be:</i>		
Is there enough room in the home for everyone to have privacy?	[]	[]
Will a move displace someone else?	[]	[]
If yes, have you talked about this?	[]	[]
Do you have specific needs that may require changes?	[]	[]
If yes, what will it cost and who will pay for it? _____		

<i>Consider how much care you currently need:</i>		
Will your child or family member be able to meet your needs?	[]	[]
Have you talked about long-term care arrangements?	[]	[]
What will happen if more care is needed? _____		

<i>Consider the relationships of those in this home prior to the possible move:</i>		
Do the adult members of the household currently work?	[]	[]
Can spouses or partners in the household withstand less private time?	[]	[]
Do any of their children live with them?	[]	[]
If so, can any of these children assist you if needed?	[]	[]
Do you know how other family members feel about this move?	[]	[]
Is anyone going to be resentful or unhappy?	[]	[]
Are you prepared to deal with those issues?	[]	[]
Will you be comfortable with the rules of the new household?	[]	[]

Do you have any thoughts or concerns about combining these households?

How will you decide whether you or they need to seek other living arrangements?

Will you or they be able to find other living arrangements if this situation does not work out?

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