

Housing guides



Choosing where to live

- how to decide where and when to move
- different housing options available, from downsizing to care homes



Home safety

- identifying hazards in your home
- avoiding falls



Home security

- ways to avoid burglary and other crimes
- keeping your home safe if you're going away



Sheltered housing and extra care housing

- the different types of retirement housing
- how to choose a scheme and get help with costs

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Personal life



Coping with bereavement

- how you might be feeling after the death of someone close
- where to look for support



If you're feeling lonely

- how to stay happy and connected
- where to find support and companionship



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Money



Attendance Allowance

- who can get it and how to apply
- what you could get



Council Tax

- discounts and exemptions
- Council Tax Support



Moneywise

- tips on saving money
- benefits and entitlements you could claim



Paying for your care

- ways to fund your care at home or in a care home
- what to do if your finances change



Pension Credit

- who can get it and how to apply
- what you could get



Scamwise

- how to spot, avoid and report scams
- what to do if you fall victim

Health and care



Caring for someone

- getting a carer's assessment
- practical and financial help



Getting help at home

- getting help with household chores, day-to-day activities or personal care
- ways to stay connected at home



How to find the right care home

- where to start and how to find the information you need
- how to choose the home that's best for you



Living well with long-term health conditions

- ways to help yourself
- getting the most out of medical appointments



Planning for the end of life

- thinking about your future treatment and care
- your funeral choices



Settling into a care home

- how to help the move go smoothly
- things to do when you move in



Staying in control when you're older

- how to avoid being mistreated
- what to do if it happens



Summer wise

- your health in hot weather
- ways to plan ahead



Winter wise

- tips for staying healthy in cold weather
- winter entitlements, including Winter Fuel Payments

Mental health



Dealing with depression

- recognising the signs
- when and where to look for help



Coping with alcohol and drug misuse

- signs that you have a problem and how it might affect you
- where to get support



Hoarding

- what hoarding is and possible consequences
- ways to help yourself or someone you're worried about



Managing anxiety

- recognising the signs and how it can make you feel
- ways to cope and where to get support