

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.

Consider your relationship with your child or family member:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Have there been past conflicts?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
If so, have they been resolved?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
Has the relationship been one of openness and honesty?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
Do you have a way of sorting out differences?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
What is the status of your relationship today?	_____	
How do you feel about sharing a household?	_____	

Consider what your new living conditions will be:

Is there enough room in the home for everyone to have privacy?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
Will a move displace someone else?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
If yes, have you talked about this?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
Do you have specific needs that may require changes?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
If yes, what will it cost and who will pay for it?	_____	

Consider how much care you currently need:

Will your child or family member be able to meet your needs?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
Have you talked about long-term care arrangements?	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
What will happen if more care is needed?	_____	

Consider the relationships of those in this home prior to the possible move:

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

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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