

## 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?	[ ]	[ ]
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? _____		

*Consider what your new living conditions will be:*

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? _____		

*Consider how much care you currently need:*

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? _____		

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

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?

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

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

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