



## Are you considering moving in with a relative or friend?

Older adults have been living in shared households for years across many cultures, religions and socio economic statuses. For many older adults it makes sense to share a household and share resources.

There are some key points to consider before moving in with a relative or friend to prevent Elder Abuse.



### THE TOP CONCERNS OF LIVING WITH FAMILY MEMBERS

The loss of financial Independence, due to pressure to contribute to the entire family.

Financial uncertainty with reduced means of generating increased income

Pressure to manage the daily tasks of cleaning and cooking for the family as expectations increase and health deteriorates .

Pressure to babysit the grandchildren, which does not leave time for social activities or volunteering.

Loss of social independence and access to household needs.

Fear of abandonment or neglect due to the changing economy and health needs .

### A CHECKLIST OF QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BEFORE MOVING IN WITH FAMILY

How much rent would I pay?

How much would I pay for food and utilities?

What if there is a home repair that needs to be completed?  
What will be my share of the contribution?

What are my responsibilities for maintaining the household?  
Am I expected to cook and clean? Shovel the driveway or mow the lawn? If not, am I supposed to pay a share towards a contracted party who would provide these services?

What is my responsibility in regard to taking care of my grandchildren? How many hours would they need to be watched per week? Am I supposed to help them with meals, bathing and schoolwork?

Will I be able to have friends or visitors over? Can I use the kitchen or laundry machine at any time?

What happens if my family needs to move because of a job relocation? Would I move with the family or would I ask for some money from the sale of the house towards getting my own place? What happens if I change my mind and want to live on my own? What if my health needs change and I can no longer drive or take care of myself?