



Environment Activity Cards – Series 4

Managing risk

The DTA activity cards aim to spark conversations among staff, residents and visitors about residential aged care and retirement living buildings. This set of cards focuses on managing risk in relation to the building and outdoor areas. How can we promote meaningful engagement while also making sure the spaces and places are safe? What makes it easier for a resident and their visitors to use and move around a building safely?

Series 4 asks you to consider how you can support active living – while also managing risk.

Each card suggests changes that can improve a resident's quality of life.

Activity Card 4.1

Managing risk in outdoor areas

Providing clear visibility leading to defined pathways, seating and points of interest can encourage residents, visitors and staff alike to take the opportunity to wander outside. What can you do to reduce hazards and assist resident movement?



Design Principle 1 Unobtrusively Reduce Risks & **6** Support movement and engagement
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Activity Card 4.2

Managing risk in the kitchen

This kitchen enables residents to participate in daily life, whether by cooking, serving or just watching food being prepared. What can you do to encourage residents to participate safely?

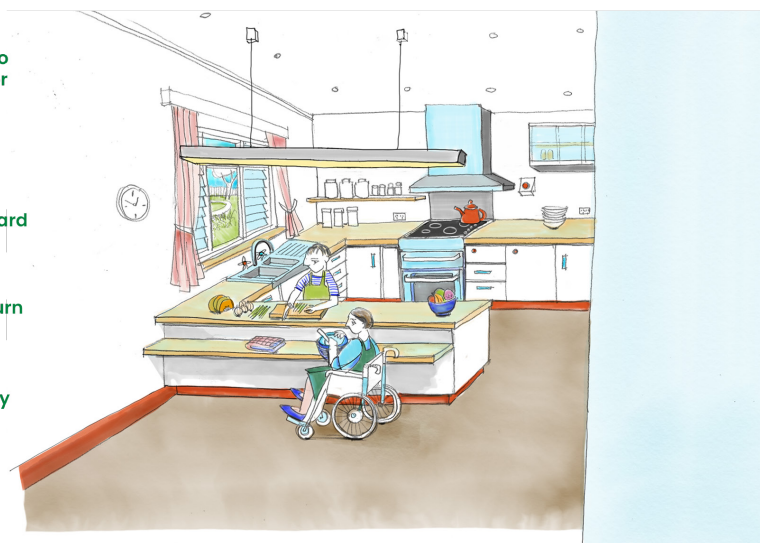
Consider ways to limit access to the kitchen during mealtimes or when necessary

Regulate water temperature

Have a lockable drawer/cupboard for staff supplies

Conceal the master switch to turn off electrical and gas elements

Contrast bench tops for visibility against floor and cupboards



Design Principle 1 Unobtrusively reduce risks & **10** Design for vision for way of life
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Activity Card 4.3

Managing risk from bedroom to ensuite

For a resident to use the ensuite independently as part of their daily activities they need to be able to recognise the ensuite easily, day and night. What can you do to assist a resident to locate and use the ensuite?



Design Principle 1 Unobtrusively reduce risks & **3** Allow people to see and be seen
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Activity Card 4.4

Managing risk with floor surfaces

To encourage residents to participate in daily living activities, the risks associated with floor surfaces need to be considered, specifically in terms of maintenance and perception. What can you do to assist residents move confidently from one place to another?



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