Caring Sheet #9: Resources:

The Physical Environment
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Introduction

Many sources of information about the physical environment are available. The following references, listed in alphabetical order under each heading, allow for further exploration of issues regarding the physical environment in private homes and other long term care or community residences. Some sources are theoretical in nature while others are practical and provide detailed solutions. Information for acquiring the references is also included.

PRODUCT CATALOGS:
ABLEDATA, PAM Assistance Center, 601 W. Maple St., Lansing, MI 48906, 517-371-5897

Accent on Information, P.O. Box 700, Bloomington, IL 61702, 309-378-2961

Access for Handicapped, 5014 42nd St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20016

American Standard Inc. Barrier-free Products, Literature Department, 114 Mayfield Ave., Edison, NJ 08837, 800-752-6292

Comfortably Yours, 52 West Hunter Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607


Fire safety for hearing impaired people, Design and Construction Department, Environmental Design Center for the Deaf, Gallaudet College, Kendall Green, Washington, D.C. 20002
GE real life design (1995), Pub. No. 24-C264; GE Appliances, Louisville, KY 40225

Hartford House: A resource guide. ITT Hartford Insurance Co., 200 Executive Boulevard, Southington, CT 06489

Help for Incontinent People, P.O. Box 8310, Spartanburg, SC 29305-8310, 800-252-3337

Help Yourself Aids Catalog, P.O. Box 192, Hinsdale, IL 60521

Kohler Hospital Plumbing Products Catalog, Kohler Co., Kohler, WI 53044

National Center for Access Unlimited, the readily achievable checklist: A survey for accessibility, 155 N. Wacker Drive, #315, Chicago, IL 60606, 312-368-0380

Products for People with Vision Problems, American Foundation for the Blind, Consumer Department, 15 West 16th St., New York, NY 10011

Product Inventory of Hardware, Equipment and Appliances for Barrier Free Design, National Handicapped Housing Inst., 12 S. Sixth St, Suite 1216, Minneapolis, MN 55402

Resource Directory for Older People, National Institute on Aging, Public Information office, Building 31, Rm 5C27, 31 Center Drive MSC 2292, Bethesda, MD 20892-2292, 800-222-2225

Sears Home Health Care Catalog, Sears, Roebuck & Co., Sears Tower, Chicago, IL 60684

Self Help Aids Catalog, Fred Sammons Inc., 145 Tower Dr., Burr Ridge, IL 60521

Special Products for People with Special Needs, Maddak Inc. Pequannock, NJ 07440, 201-694-0500

The gadget book: Ingenious devices for easier living, Foresman/AARP Books, 1865 Miner St., DesPlaines, IL 60016

Tools for independent living and designs for independent living, Whirlpool Corporation, Appliance Information Services, P.O. Box 5551, Kalamazoo, MI 49003
BOOKS:


Michigan Barrier Free Construction Code Graphics Department of Labor, State of Michigan, East Lansing, MI


**JOURNALS:**  
American Health Care Association Journal  
American Institute of Architects Journal  
American Journal of Nursing  
American Journal of Occupational Therapy  
Architecture for Physical Medical Rehabilitation  
Building and Environments  
Environment and Behavior  
Geriatric Nursing  
Hospital and Community Psychiatry  
Housing and Society  
Journal of Family Practice  
Journal of Gerontological Nursing  
Journal of Gerontology  
Journal of Nursing Administration  
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology  
Journal of Practical Nursing  
Journal of Rehabilitation  
Journal of the American Geriatrics Society  
Nursing Administration Quarterly  
Nursing Homes  
The American Journal of Alzheimer's Care and Research  
The Gerontologist

**Organizations:**  
Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611; 1-800-272-3900

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), 901 E. Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20040-2037; 202-783-2242

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), 601 E. Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20049 (AARP has many brochures/manuals regarding housing and design needs - request their list of publications.)

Arthritis Foundation, 1314 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30309, 404-872-7100
Assisted Living Facilities Association of America (ALFAA), 10300 Easton Place, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-691-8100

AT&T National Special Needs Center, 2001 Route 46, Suite 310, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Center for Design of an Aging Society, 6200 SW Virginia Ave., Suite 210, Portland, OR 97201, 503-246-8231

Cleo Inc., 3957 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland, OH 44121, 1-800-321-0595

Corinne Dolan Alzheimer’s Center at Heather Hill, 12340 Bass Lake Rd., Chardon, OH 44024, 216-621-8560 (research publications and design videotape, including manual titled “An Environment that Supports programs and People.”)


National Center for Universal Design, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC

National Rehabilitation Information Center, 4407 Eighth St., NE, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20017-2299, 800-346-2742

The Center for Universal Design, North Carolina State University, UD Newsletter, Box 8613 Raleigh, NC 27695-8613

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