

GENERAL INDEPENDENCE

When the opportunity for independent or supported living arises, we are often asked, "What are the basics that we should install?" Even though our assessment and system recommendation process is focused on customization, there are some components that integrate into most of our system designs.

Who do we consider?

- Individuals who are being considered or advocating for independent living, supported community settings, or transitional homes
- Individuals who have 24/7 staffing for "just in case" situations but do not necessarily need round the clock supervision
- Individuals who will be in an apartment setting with a staff apartment onsite

What will we achieve?

- Enhanced safety features that promote peace of mind for the family and individual
- Proactive rather than reactive staff response
- Reduction of on-site staffing for "just in case" situations such as during night hours
- Reports of trends in data demonstrating the technology's effectiveness; can be shared with funders, state agencies, legislators, etc.

What technology do we use?

- 1 SimplyHome Butler System
- Door sensors on external doors
- Motion sensors (if trying to determine whether someone is entering vs. exiting)
- 1 Panic pendant
- 1 Medication dispenser (if applicable)

What rules can alert staff, family members or the individuals themselves?

1. When paging pendant is activated to request help
2. When medicine dispenser door is/is not opened
3. If a person has/has not left the home during a certain period of time
4. If a caregiver, staff person or community person has entered the home during a certain period of time (such as after a paging pendant has been pressed or when services are supposed to take place)

