

Using Low-Vision Aids at Home

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Use this checklist of daily activities to help you determine the tasks where you would benefit from the use of a vision aid.

Activity	Need vision aid?	
Cooking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large-print, ringing, or talking cooking timer • Large-print or marked control dials for stove, oven, and other kitchen appliances • Raised or clearly marked measuring cups and spoons • Other: 	Yes	No
Household chores <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large-print or marked dials for washer and dryer • Contrasting colors in backgrounds, such as light switches that are darker or lighter than walls • Extra lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct light for reading or specific tasks - Window coverings that adjust - More light in halls or stairs 	Yes	No
Taking medicines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large-print labels, color coding, or raised markings for medicine bottles • Daily, weekly, or monthly pill organizer with large print or braille 	Yes	No
Keeping safe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove area rugs and replace worn carpeting. • Arrange home to clear paths and walkways. • Use handrails in bathrooms and stairs. 	Yes	No
Paying bills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculator with extra-large buttons • Bold-lined paper for check writing • Direct lighting at desk 	Yes	No
Reading and using the computer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnifier • Closed-caption television (CCTV), video camera, or special goggles to enlarge print, pictures, or other items • Large-print or braille books and magazines • Microphones, large computer screens, or software to allow use of the computer 	Yes	No

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Personal care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labels on hot and cold water faucets • Water level marks for bath and sink • Large-print or talking alarm clock or watch • Telephone with extra-large buttons or one that is marked 	Yes	No
	Yes	No
	Yes	No
	Yes	No
Other	Yes	No
	Yes	No
	Yes	No
	Yes	No