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AGE FRIENDLY HOME MAINTENANCE KIT

The Department of Local Government and Communities has developed an Age Friendly Home Maintenance Kit, which aims to provide seniors with a useful and systematic means to assess and manage the maintenance of their home.

An age friendly home is easy to move around in and is easy to use. It is a home that anyone of any age or ability can live in or visit comfortably. Regular maintenance ensures a home remains age friendly for longer.

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Many seniors reported they enjoyed living where they were, but were also concerned that as they got older home maintenance issues would become more problematic.

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To view the publication, please click [Age Friendly Home Maintenance Kit](#)

I would appreciate you promoting the Age Friendly Home Maintenance Kit to your older residents through your website by posting the attached article or a hyperlink to the publication.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J Mathews'.

Jennifer Mathews
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Helping seniors stay in their homes

A strong desire by WA Seniors to remain in their own homes and in their community for as long as possible has resulted in the State Government launching the Age Friendly Home Maintenance Kit.

Developed by the Department of Local Government and Communities, the kit provides an assessment guide, handy hints on general home maintenance, safety and security, and tips on how to deal with tradespeople.

These simple checklists enable older Western Australians to recognise common home maintenance issues that are often overlooked or can be prevented.

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The Age Friendly Home Maintenance Kit can be accessed by [clicking here](#) or by telephoning the Seniors Card Centre on (08) 6551 8800 or 1800 671 233.