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Help me feel comfortable, safe and secure in my surroundings

- make it easy for me to find things and find my way around
- remember it is important that I have my personal possessions and treasured belongings around me
- remember the power of the senses to help me understand my environment (sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch)
- support me to enjoy the outdoors.

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Remember little things all add up

- let's take every opportunity, planned and unplanned, to make my day
- understand the difference you can make to my day
- make sure we capture the moments that count in any records we keep
- when you make a difference to me, you will have a sense of achievement and satisfaction too.

SOME SIGNPOSTS TO USEFUL INFORMATION

scie.org.uk

alzscot.org

careinspectorate.com

scottishcare.org

knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/dementia

dementia.stir.ac.uk

equalityhumanrights.com

faithinolderpeople.org.uk

ageuk.org.uk/scotland/

napa-activities.co.uk/

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dementiarights.org

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MAKE EVERY MOMENT COUNT

A guide for everyday living

A GUIDE FOR YOU WHEN SUPPORTING ME

This guide is about:

- valuing my life
- valuing what makes me 'ME'
- valuing my yesterday, today and tomorrow.

What you and I can do to make my day, from the moment I wake up, to the moment I go to sleep.

So... its more than planned activities and organised events.

All that's needed is you and me... and our moments together and it costs nothing to do.

5 KEY MESSAGES

- 1 Get to know me
- 2 It's not just what you do... its how you make me feel
- 3 Know what I can do and support me to do it
- 4 Help me feel comfortable, safe and secure in my surroundings
- 5 Remember little things all add up

5 KEY MESSAGES

- 1 **Get to know me**
 - know my likes, dislikes and what is important to me
 - know my life story
 - know how I like to spend my day
 - know how to support my family and friends to be part of my life
 - know what I need to maintain my social life
 - know what upsets me and what may make me feel better.

- 2 **It's not just what you do... it's how you make me feel**
 - be kind and compassionate
 - be gentle and considerate
 - respect my privacy and my feelings
 - remember I have rights, the same as you
 - listen to me and respond to me
 - always explain to me what you are doing and go at my pace
 - remember the power of a smile.

- 3 **Know what I can do and support me to do it**
 - encourage me to be active, physically and socially
 - support me to stay as well as I can
 - find ways I can succeed in the things I want to do
 - support me to be independent... even in the smallest of ways
 - do things with me... not just for me... or to me.

**This is everyone's business
and everyone benefits**

