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Independent
Living Centre WA

Making choices finding solutions

Emergency and Memory Advice

TOP TIP

If you are tired, stressed, or distracted and/or in a noisy, multitasking environment, your concentration can be affected and it makes it harder to remember things.



Making Choices, Finding Solutions

About this Guide

This guide has been developed to assist you to find simple assistive equipment, technology and basic home modification solutions available in local stores and online. It contains a range of useful tips and advice to help you better manage every day tasks and common frustrations. Please note prices and products may change over time and are correct at time of printing.

How the Independent Living Centre WA can help you

The Independent Living Centre WA (ILC) is a leading centre of excellence for assistive technology and equipment options, home modification solutions and allied health services.

Our purpose is to support people to live full and independent lives. We do this by providing individuals with allied health solutions and the right assistive technology that enables them to live in good health and independently at home and in the community.

Through our Assistive Technology Services you can receive information and advice about the most suitable assistive equipment, technology and home modification options for you.

Our Community Allied Health Services enable you to access occupational therapy, speech pathology and physiotherapy services in your home or community. Our experienced health professionals will work with you to achieve your goals.

Contact us to discuss how we can help you, including what government funded options may be available.

Phone: **1300 885 886**

Visit **www.ilc.com.au**

Drop into our: **Nedlands** or **Cockburn Centre**

What should I expect if I call the ILC Helpline 1300 885 886?

If you call the ILC Helpline you will speak with an experienced health professional who can assist you with your assistive equipment, technology and home modification enquiries. You can also receive guidance about what services may be beneficial to you and funding options available.

How to use NED – the online Australian National Equipment Database

NED, the online national equipment database, enables you to research the best assistive technology and equipment solutions available to you nationwide. It offers up to date information on an extensive range of assistive technology and equipment products available throughout Australia.

You can search for what you need by using key words or by browsing through the products by topics. You will find information about the product including a description, specifications and supplier details.

Visit NED at **www.askned.com.au**

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Do you and your close neighbours take notice when lights are not on at night and tell each other if you are going to be away?



Do you have a list of important names and phone numbers next to your phone or stored in your favourites on your mobile phone to be able to call quickly and easily in an emergency?



Do you carry a small identification card with who to call and important medical information in your wallet or purse?



Have you considered using an emergency call system? It involves wearing a device at all times, with a button that can be pushed in an emergency to summon help.

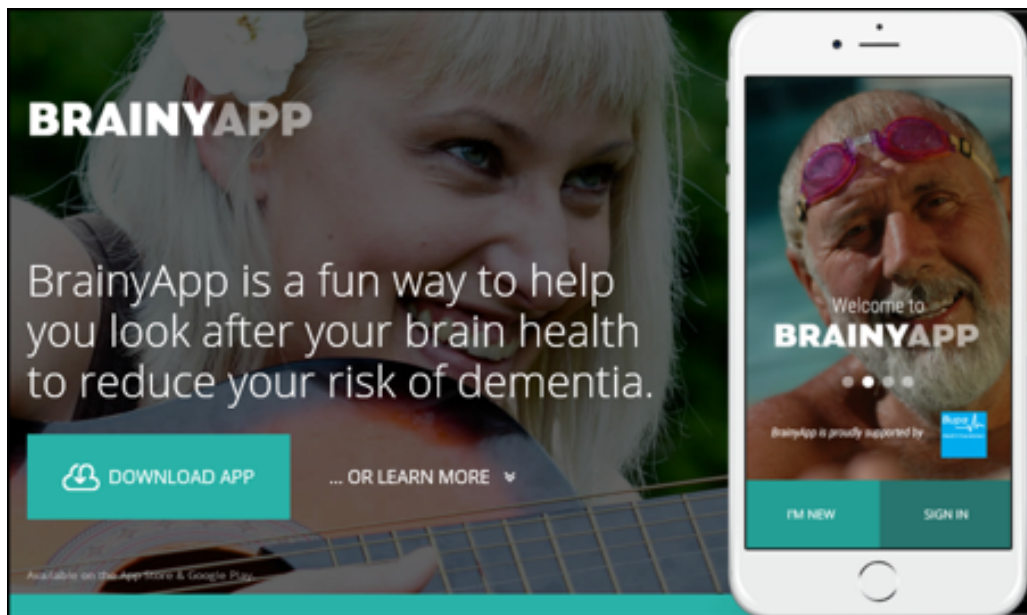


PLAN

Alzheimer’s Australia [have a website www.fightdementia.org.au](http://www.fightdementia.org.au) with a wide range of resources and information to help you decide what to do if you are concerned about your memory.

BrainyApp is an app and website with helpful hints and tips to help keep your brain healthy. Visit brainyapp.com.au.

PREPARE



PACE

Keeping your brain healthy is essential for living a fulfilling, healthy and long life. It’s never too early or too late as brain health can be improved and protected at any age through heart health, being physically active, mentally challenging your brain, eating a healthy diet and enjoying social activity.



 **Master Lock Wall Mounted Key Safe**

 **\$49**

 **Bunnings**

Simple Solutions for Memory Frustrations

Keep your keys, wallet, and hand bag in a same spot in the house such as a basket or tray by the door.

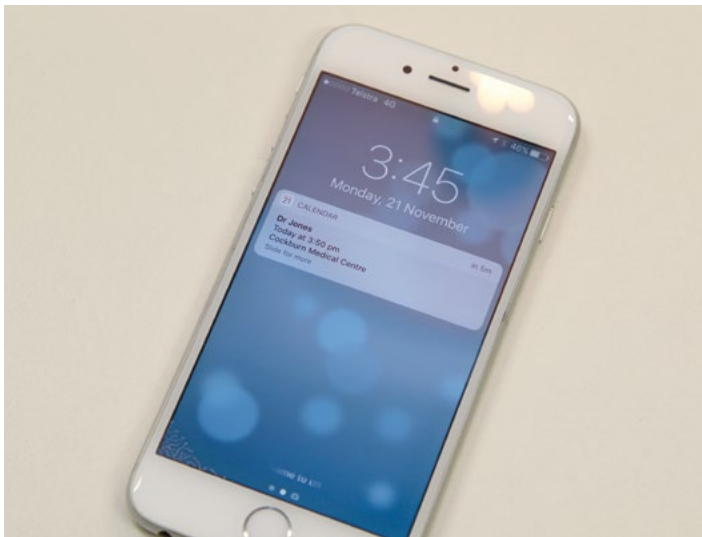
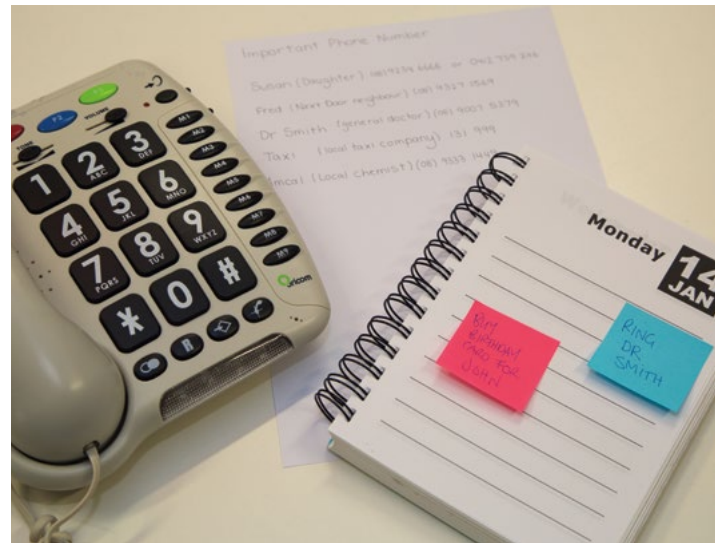
Follow a routine to help reduce what you need to remember each day. Get into good habits early by placing items in the same place, putting things away and doing tasks in the same order each day to help build on your automatic remote memory.

Leave simple reminder notes around the house using post it notes. Such as check door is locked at night, check oven is off.

Keep a shopping list in an easy-to-see place so you can write things down as you finish them.

Carry a small journal or note book to record things to do each day and important events that happened that you want to recall later.

Have a family member set up alerts on your mobile phone for important events, family birthdays or use a calendar and mark important things in red.





Need more advice or help?

Phone the ILC on **1300 885 886** for information about assistive equipment and home modification options and other local services.

Interested in viewing more products?

This guide contains a small selection of assistive equipment, technology and home modification options available in local stores and online. To view a broader range of products visit NED at **www.askned.com.au**