

Gadgets & Equipment

Information from Carers Bucks

Below is a selection of gadgets and equipment that carers may find useful. It is not an exhaustive list and is intended solely to provide information. If you would like further information or advice on telecare generally, contact Dave Bone at Carers Bucks (*see overleaf*).

Long Range Pager



Small pager with push button transmitter suitable for up to 350 metres. Transmitter can be worn around the neck or secured to a wall; the pager vibrates or beeps and displays a message when it receives a signal. Available from Carers Bucks, contact us for details.

MagiPlug



These bath and basin plugs prevent flooding if you forget to turn off the taps. Also turns to red if the water is too hot giving a visual warning. Contact Carers Bucks for availability.

Nail Clipper with Light and Magnifier



The clippers magnify and illuminate finger and toe nails as they are cut with the built in clippers. Super bright LED light. Batteries included. Price £10.99 (exc postage). Available from The Disabled Shop. Tel 01792 391223; www.the-disabledshop.com

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Cordless Rechargeable LED Emergency Light



A super bright low-energy LED gives up to 5 hours light when fully charged. If left plugged in the light will automatically illuminate if there is a power cut.

Cost £29.99 (exc postage). Available from Coopers of Stortford. Telephone 0844 482 4400; www.coopersofstortford.co.uk

Radio Controlled Talking Calendar Clock



Talking clock that speaks the time, date and alarm time and all setting functions are spoken. Time is shown on a large digital display. The time and date is set automatically from radio signals. H12.5cm x W11.5cm. Cost £39.95 inc VAT (price for carers of someone with visual impairment £34.00). Available from the RNIB on 0303 123 9999.

Geemarc Photo Phone



Large buttoned phone for pre-programmed numbers and frames for photos for easy recollection of faces - ideal for people with memory problems. It has volume control up to 30dB so is ideal for people with high frequency hearing loss.

Cost: £33.99 (free delivery) from Health and Care. Tel: 0207 931 8766; www.healthandcare.co.uk

Talking Pill Box Timer Reminder



Simple to use daily pill time reminder. You can record a short reminder message of up to 10 seconds and set a daily alarm time for medication reminders (up to 4). 4 pill compartments and lanyard cord.

Available from Carers Bucks while stocks last.

Vibrating Carer Alarm



This is a 2 part wrist alarm system. One wrist band has a transmitter with a transmit button, built in microphone for voice activated transmission and wander detection function. 150 metre range. Ideal for people with dementia.

Cost £49.95 (+£2.50 p&p) from Easy Link UK 01536 264869; www.easylinkuk.co.uk

Alex Reading Lights



These purpose built Alex reading lights will help you read small print for longer, relieving eye strain and tiredness. The energy efficient 20w halogen bulb produces light 6 times brighter than a 60w bulb, bringing near daylight indoors. The lights have flexible arms for easy positioning and come with 5 year guarantee. These and other ranges of lights are made by Serious Readers, a Buckinghamshire company.

Our carers are given a 20% discount rate if they quote CB1, which means the floor lamp will cost £175.99 and the table lamp £135.99. Delivery is £9.95. You can try the lamps out on a 30 day risk-free trial. Contact Serious Readers on 0800 085 1088; www.seriousreaders.com

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