

The Region 2 Area Agency on Aging 2022 Assistive Technology Gift Guide



Assistive devices not only help older adults and people with disabilities be more independent and stay connected with family and friends, but they also make great gifts! Our assistive technology team can help you learn more about the items below and other types of devices and services available.



Look for the package icon to see new items in the 2022 guide!

To find out about the items shown here or other technology devices and training that may help the people you care about, contact the **Region 2 Area Agency on Aging** at **517-592-1223** or email us at: **it.assist@r2aaa.net**.

[Smart Speakers](#) are still at the top of the list because they can do so many things, can be used by people with a wide range of abilities, and fit in almost every category below.

Devices such as the Amazon Echo (Alexa) and Google Home can be used hands-free for home control of TV, lights, and door locks, to update shopping lists, listen to news, weather and music, make phone calls, provide reminders, and many more tasks. These require Wi-Fi in the home and a smart phone or tablet at set-up.

For people who already have a smart speaker, there are many companion items including light control modules, thermostats, a mailbox sensor, and music and audio book subscriptions.



Communication/Isolation

[Digital Picture Frames](#) Show a repeating series of still pictures or videos with no input required from the user. Pictures can be loaded through a flash drive or remotely using Wi-Fi on some models.

[RAZ Memory Cell Phone](#) Picture-based phone shows a limited set of people who can be called with only one touch. The display is always on to make dialing easier. Care givers can configure it remotely and limit who calls in to help avoid scams.

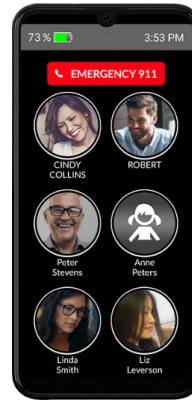


[ElliQ](#) A smart "robot" companion designed to initiate interactions and engage with seniors living independently at home.


[Snug Safe](#) A daily check-in app for people living alone.



ElliQ



RAZ memory Cell Phone

 [Alexa Together](#) A remote care giving service for Alexa users that includes 24/7 response, customized alerts, and interaction reports.

[EyeOn App](#) A daily check-in app with reminders and emergency alerts.

[Companion Pet](#) Realistic pets respond to petting, hugging, and motion with purrs, barks, and wagging tails.




Dressing

[Flexible Long Handle Shoehorn](#) Assists with putting on and taking off shoes without excessive bending.

[Combination Button/Zipper Pull](#) Wide grip dressing aid for people with limited dexterity.

Memory/Reminders

 [HiFutureSelf App](#) Send scheduled texts to yourself (or a person you care for) with one-time or repeating reminders or location-based messages.

Memory/Reminders

[Tile](#) Trackers in a variety of sizes to help find misplaced items.

[Do Not Forget Doorknob Organizer](#) Hangs from the door handle to store items you need to remember to take when leaving home.




Tile



Doorknob Organizer

[Pillsy](#) Wi-Fi connected medication bottle gives alerts when a dose is due, double dose alerts, and history of when medications were taken. It will send a reminder to your or a caregiver's phone.

Mobility Assistance

 [Steady-Two](#) A glove designed to significantly reduce essential tremors in the wrist and forearm.

[Motion Sensing Night Lights](#) A wide range of wireless, battery powered, motion sensing lights can be used to light the path to restroom or kitchen at night without turning on brighter lights or can make it easier to see in dark stairways, closets, or cabinets.





Swivel Seat Cushion



Seat Belt Grabber

[Swivel Seat Cushion](#) Swivels 360 degrees to help getting in and out of cars and other types of seats.

[Seat Belt Grabber Handle](#) Reduces twisting needed to grab and pull a car seat belt into position.

Cooking

[Uccello Electric Safety Kettle](#) A stand-alone kettle and tipper provides a safe way to heat and pour water for people with reduced strength and mobility.

[Induction Cooktop](#) A cooking surface that doesn't get hot, can include auto-shut off, and can be placed anywhere to make reaching the controls and pan easier.



Safety Kettle



Induction Cooktop

Hearing

[Wireless TV Headphones](#) Works with most audio devices to allow the user to increase volume and reduce external noises without disturbing others.

[Ear Machine](#) Smartphone app amplifies and enhances conversation, music, calls, and outside noises for people with hearing loss.

Vision

[IPEVO Cameras](#) Table-top magnifying cameras that can be used to read mail and other documents, perform personal care tasks, and help other close-up activities or distance viewing. Used with a computer monitor, tablet, or TV to show the images.

[Portable magnifiers](#) A variety of handheld or wearable magnifiers in a range of sizes and configurations exist for many different users and uses.



IPEVO Camera




Wearable Magnifier

[Seeing AI](#) A smartphone app with multiple features to assist people with low vision.

[BARD Mobile](#) An app to provide free audio and braille reading materials to people who cannot read standard print.

[Reizon Atomic Talking Clock](#) Talking alarm clock for people with low vision.

General

 [SwitchBot Curtain](#) Allows standard curtains to be opened and closed remotely using a phone app, a wireless button, your voice, or on a schedule.

[UV Sanitizers](#) Easily sanitize small, shared objects such as phones, TV remotes, and keys without using water or sprays.

[Cell Phone Grip with Card Wallet](#) Helps hold on to cell phones and tablets and includes a space for money or cards.



SwitchBot Curtain



Cell Phone Grip

[Consultation and/or training with an AT provider](#) Still not sure about the best solution? Will the user need help setting up and learning to use the item? An evaluation or training session with an assistive technology professional can help you select the right devices and other methods to address specific needs. A professional can help the recipient learn how to use their new devices or better access and take advantage of features on the devices they already own. A gift certificate for an on-line or in-person appointment is sure to be the right size for anyone.

The items shown above are good examples of helpful devices, but they are only a small part of the assistive technologies available. This list is not an endorsement of any products or vendors and the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging does not sell or receive any compensation for these items. None of the items shown will work for everyone. Some of the items require WiFi, training, set up, or maintenance to be used safely and effectively. Please be sure to understand the needs of the user and limitations and requirements of each device before making a purchase.