

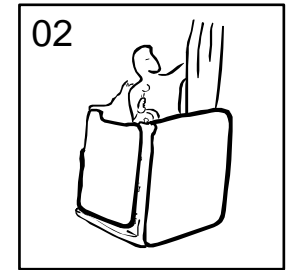
This is one of 18 leaflets in the "WiseBuy" series to enable people to choose the right product for easier living. The titles include:

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**Dip into this leaflet...**

... and read our useful information guide  
before you buy a  
**Bath With A Door**



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### Can you say YES to these questions?

Have you talked to your family, friends or health care professional before making your decision? YES [ ]

Have you checked prices with more than one company? YES [ ]

Can you try it before you buy it? Sometimes companies will bring a bath for you to try. YES [ ]

Have you checked the bath with go through narrow areas and round corners to reach the bathroom when delivered? YES [ ]

Are you satisfied that the door will not leak if you choose an outward opening door? Look for a good solid door with strong hinges and latches; and ask for a written guarantee. YES [ ]

The door can get in the way. If you go for an inward opening door, can you get in easily? You may find it difficult to get in if you get stiffer or put weight on. YES [ ]

Can you manage the door closing mechanism? YES [ ]

Are the taps thermostatically controlled? The water may not be quite as hot as you are used to so make sure your bathroom is warm. YES [ ]

Will you be able to manage the step into the bath and turn around as you get older? Some companies offer a sliding seat that slides to the door to help you get in. YES [ ]

Is your water pressure good? As the salesperson how long the bath will take to fill and empty. 2-5 minutes to fill and 1½-2 minutes to empty is good. Check how long it takes to fill and empty your existing bath – it will be similar. Remember, you will be in the bath as it fills and empties and 3 inches of water will not be enough. YES [ ]

Have you asked how much water it will take to fill the bath? Does your tank hold that much? YES [ ]

Could a shower attachment be added if required? YES [ ]

Have you checked the after sales service? Get it in writing that the company will repair and maintain the bath, including the seals which will occasionally need replacing. YES [ ]

Will the company give you a specification sheet with good general information on the bath? YES [ ]

### COULD YOU ANSWER 'YES' TO ALL THE QUESTIONS?

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### Useful tips to help YOU decide

- Shop around. Don't be pressured into buying today
- Ask for a free site survey and insure the cost includes installation with no payment before
- Get the company to give you a written guarantee that includes no leaks
- Check out other options such as a bath lift, baths with swivelling seats or a shower.

**Prices start around £2000 including  
thermostatic taps  
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