

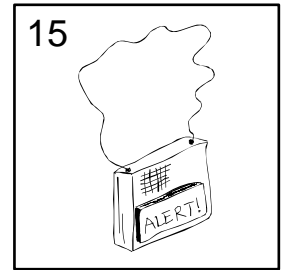
This is one of 18 leaflets in the "WiseBuy" series to enable people to choose the right product for easier living. The titles include:

- 1 *Choosing an Armchair*
- 2 *Choosing a Bath with a Door*
- 3 *Choosing a Bathlift*
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- 18 *Choosing a Power Pack*

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Independent Living Centre : **01392 687276**
Citizens Advice Bureau : **see local phone directory**
Trading Standards Dept. : **0870 872 9000**
Social Services Dept. : **see local phone directory**

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A fall can be fatal...

... read our useful information guide
before you buy a **Social Alarm**



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Can you say YES to these questions?

Have you approached your local Social Services or House Department to see if they provide a service? YES
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Have you contacted Age Concern (Tel: 0800 772266) and Help the Aged (Tel: 01255 473999) to ask about their schemes? YES
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Have you contacted the Association of Social and Community Alarms Providers (ASCAP) for information (Tel: 01634 304200)? They can help you to find a telecare service in your area or provide a list of ASCAP accredited manufacturers or suppliers YES
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Are you happy with the trigger (push button) and will you wear it? YES
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Have you checked the range of the trigger? Will it work in the garden? YES
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Does the alarm unit provide 2-way speech? YES
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Does it warn you or the call centre if something is wrong? This could be a power failure or a faulty line. YES
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Have you decided who will receive your calls if you are not using a local community alarm scheme? Are they likely to be in? YES
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If a warden or care staff need keys, are the keys coded for safety? YES
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COULD YOU ANSWER 'YES' TO ALL THE QUESTIONS?

**IF NOT TELEPHONE YOUR LOCAL
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Useful tips to help YOU decide

- Triggers can be worn around the neck, on a wristband or clipped to clothing
- Systems that call friends and relatives instead of an alarm centre will probably be cheaper but rely on people being in
- Some alarm systems offer optional extras such as gas or smoke detectors, habit cycle alarms or door entry intercoms
- If you are happy with your existing telephone, choose and alarm-only unit and plug your phone into it.

If you buy your own alarm, prices start at around £100 for the simplest unit. If you use a community alarm scheme, you will usually have to pay a few pounds a week, but this is likely to include installation and maintenance.
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Assist UK is the national network for advice on independent living equipment where anyone having difficulty with everyday tasks can get advice, information and try out a wide range of products and solutions.

To find your nearest centre call us now on 0870 770 2866 (Textphone 0870 770 5813)