

Kitchen

Home automation system, water usage sensor, movement sensors and programmed lighting levels linked to bed and chair sensors



Sink can be adjusted up or down using switch

Contrast and camouflage – to highlight and disguise

These are common issues a person with dementia may experience in the kitchen:

Independence

- using appliances
- finding things
- meal preparation

Safety and security

- electricity
- gas
- water
- fire
- chemicals

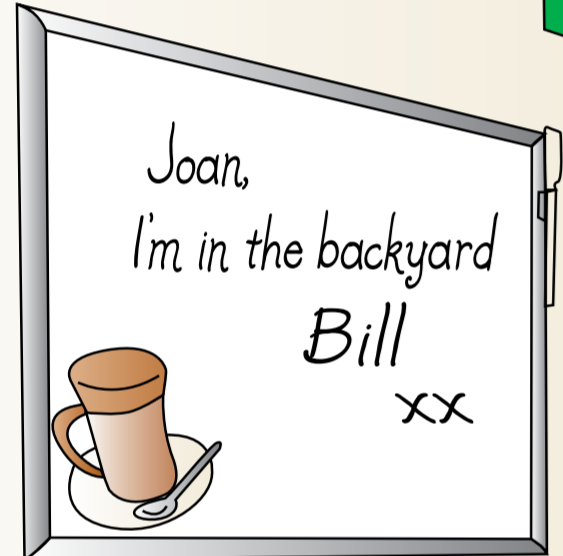
Leisure and lifestyle

- entertaining friends and family

Safety features – oven guards, retractable or spiral safety electrical cords, stove isolation switch

Safety feature – mag lock, appliance and cabinet locks, magi plug

Visual Access



Cues – labels, signs on cupboards

Easy cook books

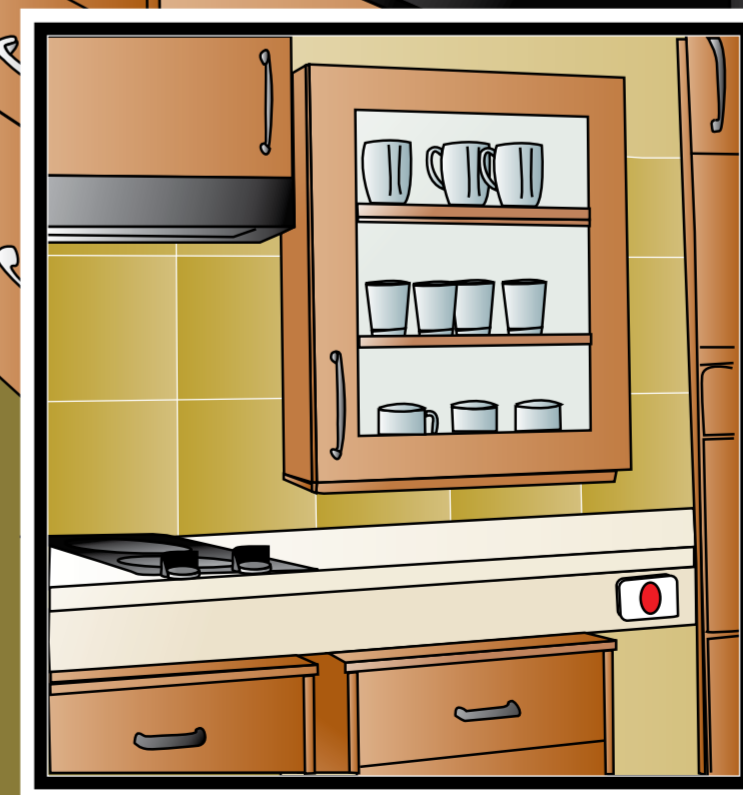
Modified appliances – induction cook top, shallow depth fridge, talking label, modified appliance

Safety features – water flow monitor, gas detector and cut off switch, circuit breakers and cut off switches

Visual accessibility – glass doors, removing doors, highlighting, handles

Person Centred Response and Ethics

When considering and introducing new technology or changes in the home it is important to keep in mind how the person with dementia relates to their environment. Make sure your strategies are person centred, ethical and respect the rights and needs of the individual. Where possible, involve them in the decision making process and test the item with them.



Wall cabinet can be adjusted up or down using switch



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