

## Local Government

### Government, Community, and Mobility Planning

Local governments determine many community features that influence our day-to-day lives. By planning and developing the right physical and social infrastructure local government can make communities more livable for people living with dementia and their care partners. Dementia friendly practices can:

1. Minimize adverse health outcomes and improve quality of life for people living with dementia, and reduce care partner stress.
2. Allow a person living with dementia to remain at home longer, cutting costs tied to stays in health care facilities.
3. Create a community that is more livable for all residents, including older adults and people living with disabilities.
4. Benefit local economies by fostering a more attractive, competitive, and sustainable community.<sup>1</sup>

### Emergency Planning and Response



## Ready to implement dementia friendly practices? Follow the steps:

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### For Community Planning

- Help community stakeholders understand the impact of dementia<sup>2,3</sup> and commit to dementia friendly principles.
  - Assess and respond to needs related to dementia and community characteristics.
1. Help stakeholders understand impact of dementia and community needs:
    - Include public and private agencies, aging and dementia professionals, older adults, people living with dementia, care partners, and the general public in assessments and decision making.
  2. Apply dementia friendly principles/best practices for local governments:
    - Plan, assess, design and implement programs and services that value contributions of all generations, abilities, and community sectors.
    - Plan for safe, affordable, accessible and dementia capable housing, transportation services, public safety and emergency response, navigable streets, roads and way-finding, businesses, public health, social services, and recreation such as parks and libraries.
    - Be proactive and willing to partner with others, and





