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Definitions of cognitive disability are usually broad, as persons with cognitive disabilities may have difficulty with various types of mental tasks. Cognitive impairment describes any characteristic that acts as a barrier to normal cognitive function – a reduction in intellectual performance or a specific learning disorder or impairment.

Many cognitive disabilities have a base in physiological or biological processes within the individual, such as a genetic disorder or a traumatic brain injury. Other cognitive disabilities may be based in the chemistry or structure of the person's brain. Persons with more profound cognitive disabilities often need assistance with aspectsdaily living. Persons with minor learning disabilities might be ablefunction adequately despite their disability, maybe to the point where their disability is never diagnosed or noticed.

Dementia is one of the most common types of cognitive impairmentespecially in older Australians. Dementia describes a collection of symptoms that are caused by disorders the brain. It is not one specific disease. Dementia thinking, behaviour and the ability to perform everyday tasks. Brain function is enoughto interfere with the person's normal social or working life.

Most people with dementia are older, but it is important to remember that not all older people get dementia. It is not a normal part of ageing. Dementia can happen to anybody, but it is more common after the age of 65 years. People in their 40s and 50s can also have dementia.

There are many forms of dementia and each has its own causes. The most common types of dementia are: Alzheimer's disease, Vascular dementia, Parkinson's disease, Dementia with Lewy bodies,Fronto Temporal Lobar Degeneration (FTLD), Huntington's disease,alcohol related dementia (Korsak's syndrome) and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease. The early signs of dementia are very subtle and vague and may not be immediately obvious.

Some common symptoms may include:

- Progressive and frequent memory loss
- Confusion
- Personality change
- Apathy and withdrawal
- Loss of ability to perform everyday tasks.

At present there is no prevention or cure for most forms of dementia. However, some medications have been found to reduce some symptoms. Support is vital for people with dementia and the help of families, friends and carers can make a positive to managing the condition.

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Preventative devices

Door Murals

Ideally suited to dementia patients, a full-size photographic self-adhesive mural can be used to camouflage doors or doorways that lead to areas where someone may be at risk.

Measuring 2100 \times 900 mm, a bookshelf or a crockery shelf image are available.

Item	Code
Door Mural, Bookshelf	BL0040B
Door Mural, Crockery Shelf	BL0040C

Stop Banner

Ideally suited to dementia patients, this banner is a large, highly visible STOP sign to provide a visual reminder not to open the door it is mounted on.

The large banner has clear contrasting colours in easy-to-read text and symbols. Made of thick vinyl, the sign can be cut at both ends to fit the width of the doorway. Supplied as a kit with two signs and self adhesive Velcro strips for attachment.

STOP S		P
Size	Code	
1200 x 200 mm	BL0039	





Sensory

Sensory Cushion

Specifically designed to stimulate sensory and visual experiences.

The cushion offers a range of pockets, zippers and materials that can be touched or stroked, and uses bright contrasting colours for visual stimulation.

Item	Code
King Fisher Blue	BL0065KFB
Dotty Pink	BL0065PD
Emerald Green	BL0065EG



Bathroom

Glow in the Dark Toilet Seat

Designed to help prevent falls and provide high contrast definition and illumination for people suffering from dementia or vision impairment, the Allure Glow in the Dark Toilet Seats offer up to 12 hours glow time with minimal exposure to light.

Bemis Coloured Toilet Seats

A range of coloured plastic toilet seats from Bemis, ideally suited to dementia patients. Fits onto any standard toilet, tthese durable coloured seats help to provide a colour contrast with the white pan or wall for people with dementia or vision impairment.

Colour	With Lid, Plastic
Blue	TS108052604
Red	TS108052153





Orientation

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Calendar Clock

Features a large analogue clock-face and large day / date calendar that is easy to read up to 15 metres away.

Code		
BQ12		



Calendar Clock, Day of the Week

Features a large digital clock-face and large day / date calendar that is easy to read up to 15 metres away.

Code BQ170







Eating and drinking

Vital Series - Plates and Bowl

Featuring a sloped base to make scooping easier, the Vital Series is specially designed for people suffering from dementia due to its clear contrast of colours.

- Red rim with contrasting white background
- Sloping inner base ensures easier scooping without tilting the plate
- > Ease of use with one hand

	Plate 26 cm	Plate 20 cm	Bowl
red	10521	10144	9657





Vital Ergo Mug

With two handles for added stability, the Vital Ergo Mug features a conical-shaped inner cup ensuring cup can be emptied without tilting the head back.

- > Conically shaped on the inside
- > Can be emptied without tilting the head back
- > Keeps hot beverage warm and cold beverage cool

	Code	
red	12489	







Eating and drinking

Thermo Series

Designed for people who need extra time to finish a meal, these Thermo Plates and Bowls ensure food will be kept enjoyable to the last spoonful.

- > Keep cold food cold and hot food hot
- > The inside cavity of the plate/bowl can be filled with hot or cold water
- > Suitable for slower eaters
- > Suitable for hot soups or warm/cold desserts

	Plate	Bowl	Mug 320ml	Mug Vital 200ml
red	10863	10858	11797	11792





Remove grips to fill in hot or cold water. For safety reason, ensure grips are closed tightly.



Ergo Plus Cup

With its two handles, the Ergo Plus guarantees conditional stability and safe drinking. Suited to people with strong tremors. Encourages independence.

- > Two large open handles provide comfortable two-handed grip
- > Encourages users to drink independently without spillage

	Code
natural	3187
yellow	3190
orange	3191
red	3194
blue	3195





Glow in the Dark Mug

Ideal for locating your mug in the dark, this Glow in the Dark Mug glows gently on your bedside table when charged with sufficient light source.

- > Leave the mug in sunlight for several hours to charge
- > Mug glows gently in darkened room

	Code	
glow	5124	



Glow in the dark



Code

6597

6598

6599

9109

red

blue

green

vellow

Non-Slip Cups with Fl owers and Measuring Icons

These Non-Slip Cups are modern in design while serving its function. Contents of liquid intake can be measured easily with the cups.

- > Available in either Flower or Measuring Icons
- > Non-slip material on the outside of cup prevents cup slipping from hand
- > Contents of liquid can easily be measured

Measuring Icor	n Code	Flowers	Code
blue-yellow	5941	blue-white	9484
green-yellow	5943	yellow-white	9486
orange-red	5945	green-white	9487
white-red	5946	red-white	9488
		orange-red	8707
		green-yellow	8709
		blue-yellow	8711
		white-red	8713

Bread and Butter Board

Suitable for people with limited hand dexterity, the buttering of bread is made easy with the Bread and Butter Board.

- > Ease of use with one hand
- > Silicone base prevents slippage
- > Suitable for right or left handed user
- > Available in four vibrant colours
- > 22 x 17 cm

Food Preparation Aid	

Used as a preparation Aid to encourage one-handed users to cut up small items of food independently.

- > Fits easily on the Bread and Butter Board
- > Assists with one-handed cutting of small fruit, vegetable or cheese

Code
11449











Dementia Aids

Eating and drinking

Non-Slip Placemats

Coated with a special material on top and bottom, these Placemats are guaranteed to hold the crockery in place while you eat.

- > Made of durable polypropylene
- > Anti-slip on top and bottom
- > Available in four vibrant colours
- > 395 mm wide x 275 mm deep

	Code
blue	6206
green	6207
red	6208
yellow	6209



Non-Drip Spouted Lid

Guaranteed to prevent spillage, the Non-Drip Spouted Lid encourages independence in consuming beverages.

- > Can be used with the Non-Slip Cups, the Ergo Plus Cups and the Vital Mug
- > Prevents spillage and leakage when accidentally knocked over

	Code	
white	6972	



Non-Slip Handles

Used on the Thermo Series, these handles are soft to touch and available as replacements.

> Silicone handles, sold in pair

	Code	
red	9726	

Eating and drinking

- > Dishwasher safe
 > Some products are microwave safe please refer to the symbols at the base of the product
- > Cannot be used in oven
- > Made of melamine and polypropylene
- > Designed and manufactured in Germany by Ornamin
- > Warranty: Lifetime warranty on manufacturing defects only if used in accordance with care instructions, does not include wear and tear



