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Make Room for Grandpa

We all want our parents to be happy. As they age, most seniors want to live at home independently and for as long as possible, and above all, most want to avoid being institutionalized. One great way to do this is to add a "grandparent" suite to your home. This will give your parent or parents the freedom that they want and the security of being around loved ones, and allows them to avoid moving to an assisted-living establishment. Another great benefit of this living arrangement is that it allows the grandparents to play a more active role in the life of the family than they would be able to if they lived farther away.



In-law suites are usually composed of a bedroom and bath, but can be custom designed to meet your needs. Some homeowners choose to include a sitting room, small kitchen area, or a private entrance to the suite as well. While not as separated as a full apartment, they provide privacy and enough room for the occupants to feel at home. Grandparent suites can also be created with improved access for seniors, with features like grab bars, walk-in tubs, and easy-to-reach shelving. They are usually placed on first floor, so as to avoid forcing grandparents to walk up too many stairs. If the suite is on a higher floor, homeowners sometimes have a home elevator or stair-lift installed

Adding a grandparent suite is often less expensive than the costs of living in an assisted living

facility or a nursing home, and has a host of benefits for the whole family. In the old days, of course, it was often assumed that multiple generations would live in the same home, and why not? Growing up with your grandparents nearby is an enriching experience for a child. In addition, grandparents can often provide free, trustworthy baby-sitting, and we all know that that can be tough to find.

**Home Maintenance Reminder:
Check your Smoke Detector Batteries**

Spring is a good time to check your smoke alarm batteries. More than 90 percent of homes have smoke detectors, but millions of these detectors either have dead or missing batteries.

See you next month!

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