Age-Friendly Calgary

Calgary’s population is aging. To prepare for this demographic change, The City of Calgary partnered with older Calgarians, other levels of government, and members of the health, post-secondary, non-profit, and private sectors to develop a community-wide plan.

The Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy was approved by Calgary City Council in June 2015.

The Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy identifies six local priority areas:

- Access to information and services
- Community support and health
- Housing
- Participation and inclusion
- Prevention of and response to elder abuse
- Transportation and mobility

Everyone has a part to play in helping make age-friendly communities. What can you do to help make Calgary a great place to live as we age?

Community Support and Health

What is the focus:
Community support and health services providers assist many older adults to maintain their health and independence as they age in the community.

What we want to see:
- Older adults being able to choose to stay in their home as they age and as their health, safety, and the safety of the community permits
- Older adults being safe from preventable injury in their homes

What we are doing:
- Ensuring that in-home support services are available and affordable
- Improving navigation and coordination among support services
- Supporting the development and implementation of a community response to housing and supports for vulnerable older adults
- Ensuring support is available for family caregivers
- Promoting education and training specific to the needs of older adults among those providing community support and health services
- Raising awareness about safety among older adults and their communities
- Raising awareness of the resources available to older adults to make safety improvements and accessibility modifications to their homes
- Advocating for policy changes to support home safety as people age
- Working with partners to improve hoarding support services

What you can do:
Identify ways that your organization or business can contribute to creating an Age-Friendly Calgary. Visit Calgary.ca/agefriendly to download the Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015-2018 or call 311 to connect with current initiatives in the area of Prevention and Response to Elder Abuse.