

Home Accessibility for Successful Parenting

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Smart Lighting and Devices



Sonic Alert HomeAware System

An alarm clock that is called the main unit, connecting to other devices in the home and alerting you with lights, vibrations, or loud alarms when smoke, CO, phone calls, baby cries, door knock, and more.



Sonic Alert HomeAware System

Which alert(s) can each transmitter add to my system?

Built into HomeAware® II Device (HA360M-II)	HomeAware® Security Alert Transmitter (HA360SA2.1)	HomeAware® Baby Cry Sound Transmitter (HA360SSBCK)	HomeAware® Smoke/CO Sound Transmitter (HA360SSSCK2.1)	HomeAware® Universal Transmitter (HA360US)
Smoke/Fire <i>(requires smoke alarm)</i>	Storm <i>(requires a NOAA weather radio)</i>	Baby crying	Added reach – Smoke/fire <i>(requires a smoke alarm)</i>	Medical device
Carbon monoxide (CO) <i>(requires CO detector)</i>	Back door		Added reach – CO <i>(requires a CO detector)</i>	Oxygen device
Cell phone	Front door			Heartrate monitor
Landline phone	Side door			Garage
Dual alarm clock	Motion <i>(requires a motion detector)</i>			Intercom
	Help			Pet
				Sump pump
				Kitchen timer

Sonic Alert Baby Cry Transmitter

- Main unit with a bed shaker connects to transmitters and receivers to alert you
- Additional devices can be added to cover your whole home

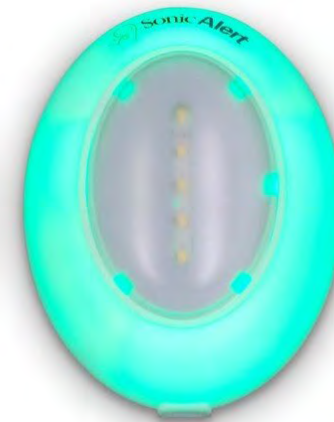
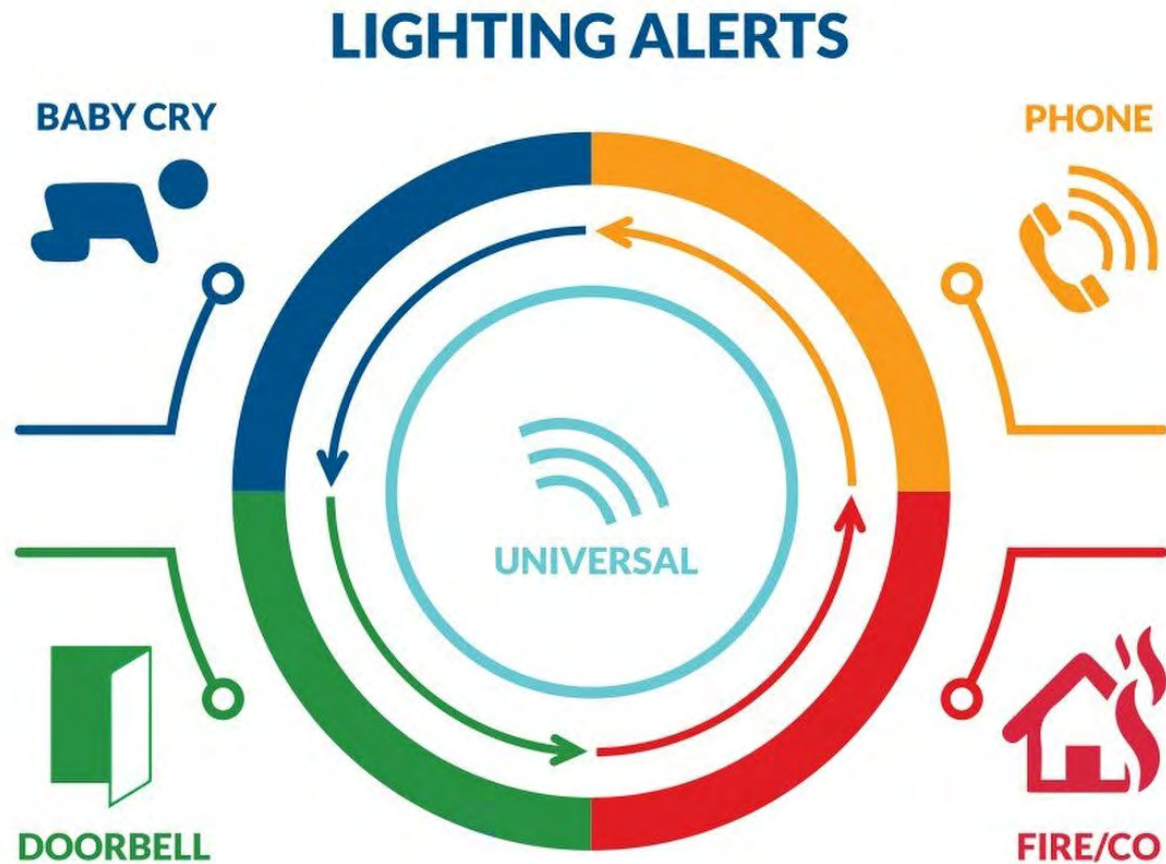


Sonic Alert Blink

Detects baby cries and sends alerts to lights, vibrations, and alarms



Sonic Alert Blink



Sonic Alert Vibe Pager

A portable device
that vibrates, flashes,
or sounds to alert you



How it works

Note: this video contains flashing lights

To access the video, go to: [https://sonicalrt-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/brieanne_sonicalert_com/IQB4fEqwS9akR6HUu2dyy2jjAYRQ-8_b37T7gkhkcdHfd8Q?e=74DEq9&referrer=Outlook.Desktop&referrerScenario=email-linkwithembed__;!!DaRZpAeNFA!cgdcLB8j9iF6AAg4rRUp-1xZhR8nfNSslbseALpDhdRMJmWFcnu_0MTmPCSePbZ9Lg41mNrT7yemyVxWB5Q\\$](https://sonicalrt-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/brieanne_sonicalert_com/IQB4fEqwS9akR6HUu2dyy2jjAYRQ-8_b37T7gkhkcdHfd8Q?e=74DEq9&referrer=Outlook.Desktop&referrerScenario=email-linkwithembed__;!!DaRZpAeNFA!cgdcLB8j9iF6AAg4rRUp-1xZhR8nfNSslbseALpDhdRMJmWFcnu_0MTmPCSePbZ9Lg41mNrT7yemyVxWB5Q$)



Before & After: Improving Visual Access:

Before our first child was born, we knew that we had to remove this visual barrier (wall) and install open railings to help improve our accessibility as deaf parents because we rely on visuals to monitor and communicate without children.

This open wall allows us to see the children more easily and respond to their needs too.

A Wall Between Us

As deaf parents, visual aid is important. This wall barrier made it harder for us to see and respond to our children.



Opening Our View

We removed this wall to improve visual access in our home. As deaf parents, being able to see our children clearly helps us to communicate, and respond quickly to their needs.



Baby Camera Monitor

Baby monitors are commonly used by many parents, but these tools help deaf parents feel more confident and secure, knowing they can monitor their baby effectively without relying on sound.





Keith Jones

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Patrick Cokley



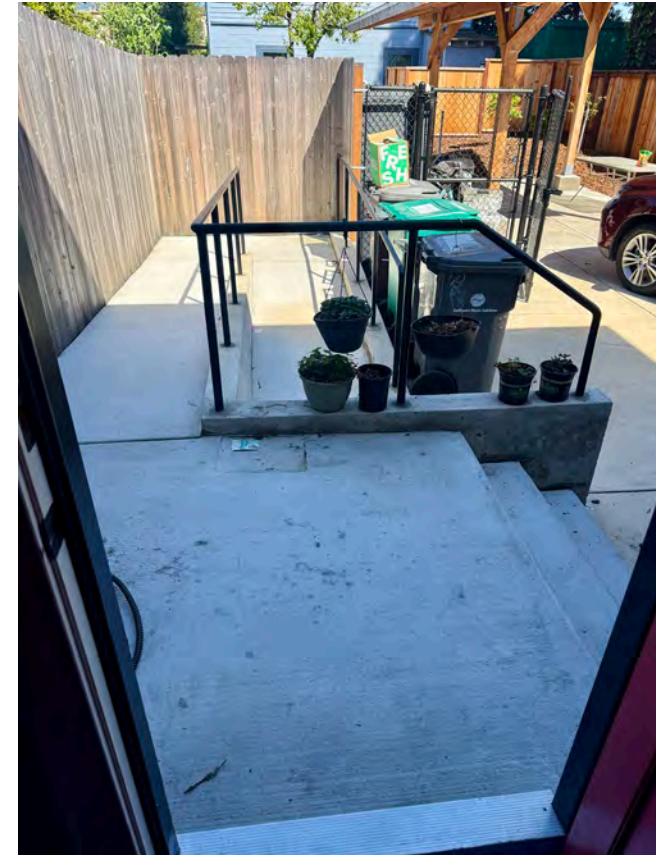
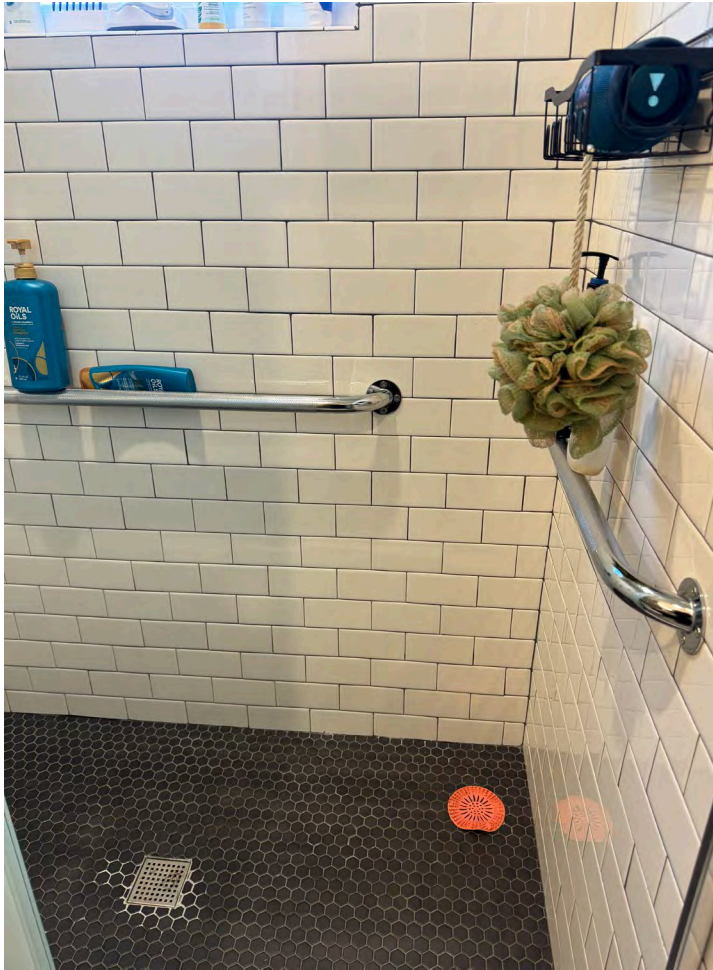






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Physical Accommodations

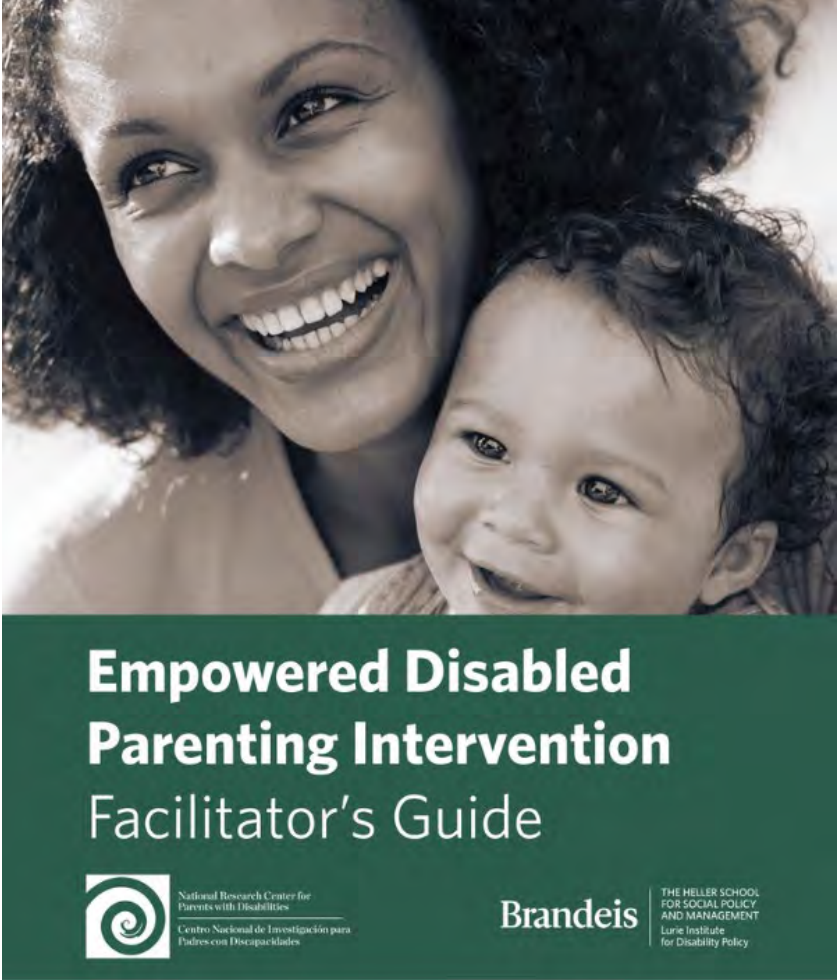


Accommodations for Neurodivergence



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