

Will Your Next Move Be Your Choice? Or Will Circumstances Rule?



Your next move should be full of joy and anticipation of the next phase of your life. But for some people, their next move will be filled with stress, emotional turmoil, and often depression, or even anger, at being forced to make a move that they don't want to make, or aren't ready for.

As we age, we come to a point where we can no longer easily take care of our home. We all know this time will arrive, yet we put off making the basic decisions about where we will live for as long as we possibly can.

For some, a sudden change in health, either their own or that of a loved one, conspires to necessitate a hasty move. They suddenly find themselves contemplating a move due to the circumstance they find themselves in. And that's never the time when the best long-term decisions are made.

Others start making plans early, when they have time to discover what their future options might be, and what might be the best situation for their specific wants or needs. They leave time to make the best long-term decisions for themselves.



Following are just a few of the ways an Accredited Senior Agent (ASA) can help you, or your family, plan your move well in advance and avoid the pitfalls associated with a move that is forced by circumstances.

- Have a conversation with you. Invest an hour in a chat with an ASA and you'll be surprised at some of the things you haven't thought of when it comes to your future move.
- Research your options in future housing, all the way from Active Adult Lifestyle Communities to retirement home living to extended care facilities, and present a summary of your options to you.
- If you want to stay in your home, an ASA is on top of the various funding programs available to help you 'age in place'. In hand with this, an ASA has, in their Network of Exceptional Specialists, a number of contractors who specialize in renovations to help seniors stay in their home longer.
- An ASA has connections with experts in the financial implications of staying in your home versus your other options. Although staying in your home is quite possibly what you want to do, you need to investigate if doing so is going to allow you to live the lifestyle you want to live going forwards.
- If you're not sure whether you should stay in your current home or look at a move, an ASA will offer you the exclusive 'Personal Discovery Survey'. It's a brief, for your eyes only, questionnaire that is designed to help you discover the pros and cons of making a move.
- Perhaps one of the best ways we can help you is to facilitate a conversation between yourself and your 'adult children.' So many families are intimidated by the thought of this conversation that it gets put off time and time again. When that happens, often the result is that a crisis happens before the conversation.

Other families find that they just don't know how to have the conversation. With you in one phase of life, and your 'kids' in a totally different phase, the conversation is ripe for emotional upset and disagreement. An ASA who works regularly with seniors is well equipped to help you have this conversation.

There are lots more ways an Accredited Senior Agent is trained to help you, and your family, remove the stress and upset that is too-often associated with this time of your life. Call or email today to find out more.

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