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Fire Kills is the national fire safety campaign. Over half of those who die in fires are aged 65+. Fire Kills uses national advertising, social media and partnerships to deliver lifesaving messages including [testing smoke alarms](#), [planning escape routes](#), [winter fire safety](#) and encouraging family, friends, and carers to [support those who may need help being fire safe](#). Help us reach older people and those who may need help james.webb@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

Get the Pensions Latest with the Minister for Pensions' blog - aimed to keep everyone updated on the latest pension news [here](#), and help people understand what the pension changes mean for them. It's concentrating the new State Pension, Automatic Enrolment and pension freedoms. To get involved, or be a guest blogger: state.pensioncomms@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

State Pension toolkit On 6 April 2016, the current State Pension scheme will be replaced by a clearer one. Any eligible person who reaches State Pension age on or after 6 April 2016 will receive the new State Pension. This [toolkit](#) contains information to help people understand the State Pension.

An online resource has been launched to help get the most out of older workers'

expertise and experience. The [Employer Toolkit](#) is a practical resource offering guidance for managers of older workers

Would you like to improve government digital services? Were you a male born in 1950 or 1951 or female born between February 1952 and September 1953? You may be thinking about your pension or you have recently claimed it, we'd like to learn from your experience. To take part: getstatepension.userresearch@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

State Pension top up scheme opens: from Monday 12th October people are able to top up their State Pension by up to £25 a week. Visit www.gov.uk/statepensionpopup for more information, to register, or to download the new information pack.

Don't ignore the Workplace Pension Millions of people now have a workplace pension. Find out how this affects you, your business or your clients' businesses <http://www.workplacepensions.gov.uk/>

People with dementia have other medical conditions too: a [survey by Alzheimer's Society](#) found that 72% of respondents were living with another medical condition or disability. Skills for Care have published a [practical guide](#) for social care teams.

Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published its [State of Care report](#) based on its inspections in the year 2014/15.

Age Friendly Research: Age-related recruitment bias goes unchecked amongst majority of companies: Mercer research into age friendly employment

practices reveals a lack of checks on hiring and recruitment practices. The vast majority (87%) of respondents to [Mercer's Age-Friendly Employer](#) research do not check whether their people managers hire workers older than themselves.

Essential guide to Social Services There is a wide variety of social care services available, primarily to support people in their own home. The type of service your older relative will get will depend on their needs, which will be assessed by a social worker via a referral from their GP. Find out more [HERE](#)

GOV.UK Verify is the new way to prove who you are online, so you can use government services like viewing your driving licence or filing your tax. [read more](#)

Assistive technology - devices to help with everyday living Alzheimer's Society has produced a Dementia-friendly technology charter that provides more information about assistive technology and how it can help people. [read more](#)

Looking for inspiring older people for a new Channel 4 documentary. If you can help please call 077 297 46984 or email GrainneMcPhillips@7Wonder.co.uk

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