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## **Help Finding Assistive Technology—**

Assistive Technology Network offers free information and referrals for assistive technology supplies, daily living devices, funding and community resources, and service providers, throughout California. Call 1-800-390-2699, TTY: 1-800-900-0706 or visit [www.atnet.org](http://www.atnet.org).

## **Go Where You Want to Go...**

...with the **3-in-1 Foldaway Walker**. Whether you need assistance rising from a chair or walking across the room, this walker can be your helper. The **3-in-1 Foldaway Walker** can help you in the restroom, helping to steady you as you sit down and then get up from the seat. A second set of handles provides stability as you stand from a seated position. The lightweight aluminum frame has an easy-release folding mechanism with soft and secure grips. The vendor says that it will support up to 400 lbs. You can find it at Gold Violin for \$69.95. Visit [www.goldviolin.com](http://www.goldviolin.com) or call 1-877-648-8400. Item # 92729.



## **A Clock That Listens and Speaks to You...**

...with 12 simple voice commands. You can tell it to set the alarm, turn off the alarm, say the time, date, or the temperature, turn on a nightlight and more. The **Voice Control Alarm Clock** comes with three alarms sounds, three 3 sleep sounds, a snooze feature and a volume control. It's ideal for elderly people and those with disabilities. The vendor claims that it won a Vision Free Award from the Stevie Wonder Foundation.



The clock measures 7 ½" wide x 4 ½" high x 3 ¼" deep, and requires 3 AAA batteries (not included). It is available at Support Plus for \$39.95. Visit [www.supportplus.com](http://www.supportplus.com) or call 1-800-229-2910. Item # HH9512.

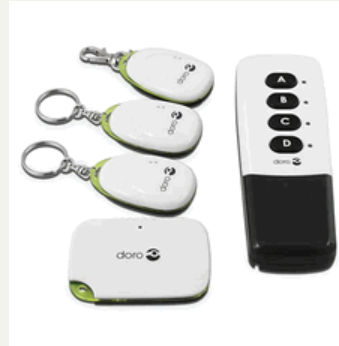
## **Note To Readers:**

While we strive to publish accurate ordering information for the products listed in this newsletter, item prices and availability are always subject to change by vendors.

## Stop Wasting Time Looking for Your Wallet, Purse or Cell Phone

With **The DORO Object Locator**, you can find your purse or wallet with the push of a button. Simply attach a wireless sensor to the object that likes to hide, press the button on the remote transmitter when you lose the object, and follow the beeping sound of the sensor. The **Object Locator** includes three key ring sensors, one credit card sensor and the remote. The sensors have a 90-foot range. The remote measures 5 ½" long by 1 ¾" wide by ¾" high, and comes with a holster that can be wall mounted. The remote takes two AAA alkaline batteries and each keychain sensor takes one 3V CR2032 battery. The credit card sensor uses a 3V CR2430 battery. All batteries are included. It is available for \$71.95 at Sightconnection. Call 1-800-458-4888 or visit

[www.Sightconnection.com](http://www.Sightconnection.com) Item #PLU-366.



## Turning the Knobs on Your Stove Can Be Easy

...with the **TKO Turning Knob Operator**.

This tool is designed to help people with hand disabilities turn the control knobs on their appliances. Press the turner onto the knob and it helps to turn burners on



and off and adjust the heat. The **TKO Turning Knob Operator** measures 2 ¼" in diameter and the T-Shaped handle measures 5 ¼" in length. The knob is ergonomically designed for ease of operation and can be used to help with turning knobs, faucets and Valves. They're available for \$37.01 at RehabMart. Visit [www.rehabmart.com](http://www.rehabmart.com) or call 1-800-827-8283  
Item # MDK-H753100001.

## Now Reaching is Easy When You Comb or Brush Your Hair

The **Lifestyle Comb and Brush Set** is designed for anyone with limited reach.

These ergonomically designed grooming aids allow you to reach the top or back of your head without putting undue stress on your hand, arm, or shoulder.

The grip is made of a non-slip material that is easy to grasp.

The comb is 15" in length and

the brush is 14" in length. You can check them out at Life with Ease. Visit [www.lifewithease.com](http://www.lifewithease.com) or call for more information at 1-800-966-5119.



Long-handled comb is \$16.95, Item# LWE-6G060A.  
Long-handled brush is \$18.95, Item # LWE-6G061A.  
Long-handled comb and brush set (set of 2) is \$33.95, Item# LWE-16G062A.

## A Helpful Tool for Difficult-to-Open Kitchen Products



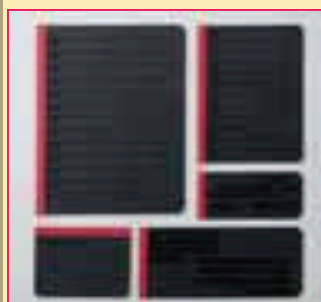
The **PurrFect Opener** is a safe, quick and easy solution for difficult-to-open medicine packaging and kitchen products. You can pierce a bottle's sealing foil with the ears or tail, open an aspirin bottle with the angled head, and open prescription bottles with the gripping pad. It's also designed to help you pull the tabs on soda cans. It's magnetic so you can stick it on your refrigerator where it will always be within easy reach. It is available at Aids for Arthritis for \$9.95. Visit [www.aidsforarthritis.com](http://www.aidsforarthritis.com) or call 1-800-654-0707. Item # 9-16.

## Help Relieve Painful Pressure on Your Feet

The **Foot and Heel Pillow** can help reduce painful pressure on your feet, heels and ankles. Surround your feet with comfort and support. Ease to apply and remove with hook and loop fasteners. The vendor says that the quilted Polyester fill with a Poly/Cotton cover is machine washable but should be air dried. The pillow is designed to fit both men and women. Each package contains one pair of pillows. Available in black and white plaid cover only. A package of two pillows costs \$17.95. You can find out more about the **Foot and Heel Pillow** at Elder Depot. Visit them on the website at [www.elderdepot.com](http://www.elderdepot.com) Or you can call them at 1-800-910-7790. Product # WP2218.



## These Guides Can Help You Write Letters, Checks, Greeting Cards and More



The **5-Piece Hinged Writing Guides Kit** is a complete set of writing guides offers a selection of guides for your most popular writing needs. The "hinged" feature holds the paper in place while you write a letter, checks or address an envelope. The set includes the following guides: full page letter, business envelope, stationary, standard checks, and greeting card. The sets are available at \$29.95 each from LS& S Products. Visit [www.lssproducts.com](http://www.lssproducts.com) or call 1-800-468-4789. Item # HWGK.

### Check Out The TOOLS Resource Center —

Our new TOOLS Resource Center features links to organizations, other Web sites and groups that can provide you with useful information and help with your questions about assistive technology, caregiving and independent living. The site also hosts updates and notes of interest, and a collection of back issues of the *TOOLS for Independence* newsletter. You can also take a survey and tell us how we can make TOOLS more helpful and useful for you. Visit us at [www.TOOLSforIndependence.org](http://www.TOOLSforIndependence.org).



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### **Braille Salt and Pepper Shaker Set**

The **Super Salt and Pepper Shaker Set** is an adaptive aid that enables anyone who is blind and visually impaired to dine with self-confidence. Each Super Shaker has Braille and tactical marks below the ridge so users can pick the right condiment without having to pre-test the contents of the shakers. The super shakers also have distinguishable white colored sleeves for salt and black colored sleeves for pepper shakers. Each set consists of one salt and one pepper shaker. They are available at MaxiAids for \$9.95. To find out more, visit [www.maxiaids.com](http://www.maxiaids.com) or call 1-800-522-6294. Item# 557149.



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