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# Living arrangements

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000527                                    Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration            NCSIMG                                    Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority:    Effective date: 01-JUL-98

Definition: The persons current living arrangements.

Context: It is important to record the usual type of living arrangements for a person in order to develop a sense of the level of support, both physically and emotionally, to which a person may have access.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric

Representational      CODE  
form:

Representation      N  
layout:

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1            Lives alone.  
                  2            Lives with family member(s) and/or carer (including foster family).  
                  3            Lives in special purpose accommodation (including nursing home, hospital, special purpose accommodation for people with a disability such as group home, hostel, congregate care etc.  
                  4            Lives with other members of community (for instance, sharing with friends, boarding house, non-special purpose hostel etc.).  
                  9            Inadequately described/Not stated.

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare: Data Comparisons (internal document - not published)

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Comments: This data element is tied in with other data elements such as Type of usual accommodation, Address etc. Given that various sectors within community services collect and define information pertaining to such data elements differently, it is difficult to suggest general standards on what should constitute Living arrangements. For instance, some data sets state that Living arrangements or Usual type of accommodation should not be separated from one another and should be defined in accordance with the number of days per week a person usually resides in his/her place of physical accommodation. Other data sets make a clear distinction between Living arrangements and Type of usual accommodation, and do not necessarily require specific information on number of days per week or residence. The categories presented in the data domain above have attempted to represent all sectors in community services.

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### [Data Element Links](#)

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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