

Important Safety Information

The Virtual Caregiver is the most innovative and efficacious system for teaching daily living skills and greatly reduces the opportunity for neglect that often leads to abuse. It is designed to augment and facilitate independent functioning and increase a participant's skill and ability to properly accomplish these activities of daily living. It is not the intent of this coaching series to replace the individual attention and monitoring necessary by a caregiver to ensure the safety and well-being of the participants. The key to success with this system is to ensure that the participant uses the Audio Choreography each time the task is performed. As the participant begins to demonstrate independent comprehension of the instruction and anticipation of the repetitive verbal prompts and auditory rhythmic cues it may then be possible for less direct participation and physical involvement by the caregiver. It is crucial to **ALWAYS** maintain a monitoring presence following the initial phase of this program to ensure that the instructions learned are continued with the same level of proficiency while independence in the performance of these tasks is developed and that safety is observed and maintained at all times.

The authors, manufacturers and distributors of this coaching program specifically disclaim any liability, loss, or risk, personal or otherwise, incurred as a consequence directly or indirectly of the use or the intentional or accidental miss-use of this product which could result in serious injury or death. Individuals with Autism, Developmental Disabilities, Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease require close monitoring and supervision by a responsible caregiver for their safety when using these programs. **The Virtual Caregiver is not intended to replace the necessary hands-on attention needed to ensure participant safety** and proper implementation of the program methods. It should be noted that leaving someone unattended in as little as an inch of water could result in a catastrophic event including death. Make sure a safe distance is observed from any water source to the electrical device (CD player) needed to play the audio coaching instructions to prevent electrocution or other serious injury. **Safety measures and supervision must be exercised to properly and safely use this audio program.** It should also be noted that excessively hot water can cause severe damage to exposed skin up to and including death. It is recommended in those situations where it is appropriate that a governing device be installed on the water heater that prevents water from being heated to a dangerous level.