

## New and Emergent Assistive Technologies



**Alarm.com:** Control home using a single app. Partnered with Liftmaster garage openers; Kwikset, Schlage, and Yale locks; Skybell video doorbell; Trane or Z-Wave thermostats; and GE or Go Control lighting; **Free App, <https://www.alarm.com/>**



**Amazon Echo (Virtual Assistant) Family (included the Dot, Tap and Echo):** can connect to select smart home devices allowing the user voice control in accessing Philips Hue lighting systems, Samsung SmartThings, WEMO, Insteon and Wink devices, and the Nest Thermostat. **Price \$50 - \$180, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)**



**AutoCloser by Xceltronix:** Pre-set timer closes garage when left open for 2, 5, 10, 15 or 20 minutes; Makes Audible and visual alerts before closing; Timer override option when garage should be left open; **Price: \$60, <http://www.xceltronix.com/auto-closer.asp>**



**Blackout Buddy:** is an emergency flashlight with three functions in unit. It also acts as a blackout alert, lighting up automatically during a power outage. It's a flashlight. Or it's an automatic nightlight; a light sensor triggers a single LED light to come on when the room is dark. **Price: \$17, <http://www.etoncorp.com/en/productdisplay/blackout-buddy-0>**



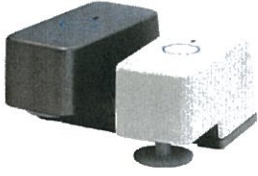
**epill Medsmart Plus Monitored Pill Dispenser:** Locked Automatic Medication Dispenser; Refill notification via text message; high pill capacity; long alarm duration; AC or battery operation; No Monthly Fees; **Price: \$790, <http://www.epill.com/medsmart.html>**



**Kwikset Kevo Plus:** completely replaces your standard lock allowing it to be locked and unlocked remotely, allows visitors access into your home, as well as service providers. **Price: \$230, <http://www.kwikset.com/kevo/plus>**



**Liftmaster MyQ:** Smartphone control of most major garage door opener brands and gate operators with Photo Eyes. Controls up to two garages (additional sensor required); Wireless installation only; iOS and Android apps; **Price: \$130, <https://www.liftmaster.com/for-homes/myq-connected-home>**



**MicroBot Push:** physically presses buttons and switches wirelessly. Users can control a MicroBot with a smart phone and/or through a companion hub called Prota. It's designed to work on all kinds of buttons and switches, which makes it possible to turn any old home appliances into connected smart devices that are controllable from anywhere anytime, even automatically. **Price: \$50,**

<https://prota.info/microbot/push/>



**Medical Alert (Touch N' Talk)** Waterproof/resistant pendants; uses lanyard or wristband; vibratory call system for obtaining help or attention; **Price \$280 - \$300** with no monthly fees, <http://www.assistivetechtechnologyservices.com/touchntalk.html>



**Nest Cam (Home Security and Monitoring Tool):** has both outdoor and indoor application, along with two-way communication, night vision, and movement detection. **Price: \$199, <https://nest.com/camera/install-and-explore/>**



**Nest Protect (Smoke and CO2 detection unit):** replaces conventional smoke and CO2 detection devices offering control using a smart phone app. It will verbally alert users to fire, smoke and CO2. It is available in both battery operated and hardwire version. **Price: \$99, <https://nest.com/smoke-co-alarm/meet-nest-protect/?alt=2>**



**Phillips Hue (Lighting System):** is a selection of LED smart lights available as single white bulbs, full color spectrum bulbs, and other designer lighting for the home that can be programmed when to operate and be controlled by the Amazon Echo Virtual Assistant. **Price: \$230, <http://www2.meethue.com/en-us/>**



**Ring Video Doorbell (Home Security):** alerts the user to anyone approaching the home per "safe zones," provides a visual image of the person or persons ringing the bell, and two-way communication. The Ring Video Doorbell can be battery operated or hard wired to the home. **Price: \$199, <https://ring.com/>**



**Sen.se Mother Hub (Smart Home Tool):** has several apps that will alert users to when a particular person leaves and enters the home, track when a person takes their medication, track steps taken, and sleep quality using the Mother Hub and 'Cookie' sensors that can be carried in a pocket, attached to a surface, or attached to a belt. **Price: \$150, <https://sen.se/mother/>**





**SkyBell:** Cloud storage for a rolling 7-days of history free of charge; Can save history files and screen capture pictures to your mobile device for longer term storage; Motion detection; Wired installation only; No battery back-up during power outages; iOS and Android apps; **Price: \$200, <http://www.skybell.com/>**



**Switch Mate (Smart Light Switch):** requires no tools for installation and fits over an existing light switch with magnets that attached themselves to the switch plate screws. Lights equipped with Switch Mate can be controlled using a smart device with the Switch Mate application. **Price: \$40, <https://www.myswitchmate.com/>**



**Time Timer Watch:** allows the user to set a single timer for specific tasks. Time can be in analog, digital and visual formats. Alerts are provided as an auditory alarm, vibration or combination. Fixed time periods can be set to automatically repeat. **Price \$85, <http://www.timetimer.com/collections/watches>**



**WatchMinder** is a wristwatch that is programmed to set up discreet vibrating reminders; maximum 24 individual timers, each with an assigned text displayed on the watch face. The WatchMinder also acts as a countdown timer. **Price: \$70, <http://www.watchminder.com/>**



**WeMo (Smart Home Control):** is a series of products that allow users to control devices within their home, e.g., smart appliances, slow cookers, coffee makers, room heaters, bulbs, cameras, and light sets. The series includes WeMo Switch, WeMo Motion Sensor and WeMo App. The devices are controlled through the respective Android or iOS application and can be plugged in anywhere within the home and connected to a Wi-Fi network. **Price: \$40,**

<http://www.wemo.com/>

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