



## Care environments: Entrance

- 1. Principle 10:** A letter-box can encourage meaningful activity. Collecting the daily mail is a familiar domestic activity and a great conversation opportunity that can stimulate reminiscence and engagement.
- Principles 7, 9 and 10:** The entrance to an environment creates the first impression. What does your front door say about what lies beyond? Creating a house facade that reflects a home will promote a feeling of home and can be used to aid orientation in any setting.
- Principles 3 and 7:** Give each household a unique name that has meaning and aids orientation.
- Principles 3 and 10:** Avoid sign clutter around the entrance and do not use signs that may stigmatise, e.g. "Secure unit, keep locked".
- Principle 4:** Use a 'one way vision' sticker on the glass door panel. The image can be seen on one side while still allowing views through the panel from the other side. This is a good way to reduce unwanted stimuli in the environment.
- Principle 7:** Brick-look wallpaper, when creating the appearance of an indoor entrance, enhances the aesthetic of a home facade making it more familiar and inviting.
- Principle 3:** A large unique feature near the main door acts as a landmark to aid wayfinding. Each household's orientation object should be unique in colour and style to that area.