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“Legal Handbook for Tennessee Seniors”


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Overview of Handbook



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Section One:
Financial Assistance


Ways to Secure Your Financial
Future



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Section One:
Topics

- Social Security
- SSI
- Pensions
- Veterans Benefits
- Railroad Retirement
- SNAP (Food Stamps)
- Tax Relief
- Reverse Mortgage




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Social Security




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Supplemental Security Income
(SSI)




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Pensions



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Veterans Benefits



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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
(SNAP)


Tennessee's Food Stamp Program



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Tax Relief for Senior Adults

- Federal Tax Credits for the Elderly and Disabled
- Itemization of Medical and Dental Expenses
- Medical Savings Accounts
- Sale of Principal Residence
- Long-term Capital Gains
- Federal and State Estate and Gift Tax Exemptions
- Deductions for Charitable Contributions
- Real Property Tax Relief




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Reverse Mortgages



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Section Two:
Payment for Health Care



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Section Two:
Topics


- Medicare
- Medicaid
- TennCare
- Affordable Care Act
- Medi-Gap and Other Supplemental Insurance
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Alzheimer's Care and Support



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Medicare

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Medicaid




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TennCare



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Affordable Care Act



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Insurance Coverage


- Medi-Gap and Other Supplemental Insurance
- Long-Term Care Insurance



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Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

Health Care Considerations




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Section Three:
Long-Term Care and Senior
Adult Housing



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Nursing Homes



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Other Housing and Care Options


- Assisted Living Facilities
- Adult Day Care
- In-Home Care
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities



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Housing Assistance

- Landlord-Tenant Issues
- Section 8 Housing
- Utility Assistance
- Property Tax Relief




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Section Four: Planning for the Future



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Divorce and the Senior Adult



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Estate Planning

- Wills
- Revocable Trusts (Living Trusts)
- Durable Powers of Attorney
- Health Care Powers of Attorney
- Living Wills
- Charitable Giving Instruments




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Conservatorships




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Funeral Home Services




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Probate and Estate Administration



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Section Five:
Protection of Legal Rights



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Section Five:
Topics

- Working with a Lawyer
- Grandparents' Rights
- Consumer Protection
- Personal Safety and Security
- Discrimination
- Disaster Preparedness




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Working with a Lawyer


Selecting a Lawyer

Legal Fees



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Consumer Protection




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Discrimination

Age Discrimination

Discrimination Based on Disability



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Grandparents' Rights



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Personal Safety and Security

- Home
- Public Places
- Banking
- Internet




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Section Six: Elder Abuse



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Section Seven:
Resource Guide



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