Welfare technology in social care -
Benefits and Risks

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Examples of welfare technology for increased well-being in the care of elderly and people with disabilities

- Passive and Active alarm systems
- GPS
- Robot as caregivers – give baths to and feed people
- Assistive technology for activation, communication and interaction
- CCTV
- Speaker system
- Locking system

Welfare technology can contribute to:

- Safety

- Activity

- Participation

- Independence

Applying technology

Pros:

- Increase privacy
- Enable Personal customisation
- Increase security
- Economic benefits

Cons:

- Replace professional caregivers
- Lack of knowledge and routines
- False security