THE TALK · PART 5 · FREE PRINTABLE

Questions to Ask Any Home Care Provider

Make this list with your mom or dad, not for them. It's their house, and their say. Use a column for each provider you call.

QUESTION	PROVIDER 1	PROVIDER 2	PROVIDER 3
Is this home care (everyday help) or home health (medical care ordered by a doctor)?			
Do you do background checks?			
How are your caregivers trained?			
What happens if the caregiver is sick?			
Will we know who's coming before they arrive?			
Who do we call after hours?			
Will it be the same person every time?			
Can my parent say no to something?			

♥ Don's questions

QUESTION	PROVIDER 1	PROVIDER 2	PROVIDER 3
"Do they know how to make a decent cup of coffee?"			
"Do they play cribbage?"			

Your mom or dad's own questions

Before you call anyone: start with the problem you're trying to solve (meals, pills, being alone too much, rides) and look for the lightest help that solves it. Your local Area Agency on Aging is a good first free call.

General education for families, not medical, legal or financial advice.