

# Home Environment and Welfare of the Elderly in Guangzhou, China

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# Background

In Guangzhou, there are many elderly who reside in the old urban areas and share a strong neighborhood networks established for a long time.

As most of them cannot afford new housing and also do not have the means to renovate their homes with deteriorating physical conditions, they have no choice but to stay on passively until some developers enforce them to move out. Many of their dwellings present a lot of safety hazards.

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# Aim

Identify the problems encountered by the elderly and to make recommendations to authorities concerned for necessary actions of improvement.

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# Object of study

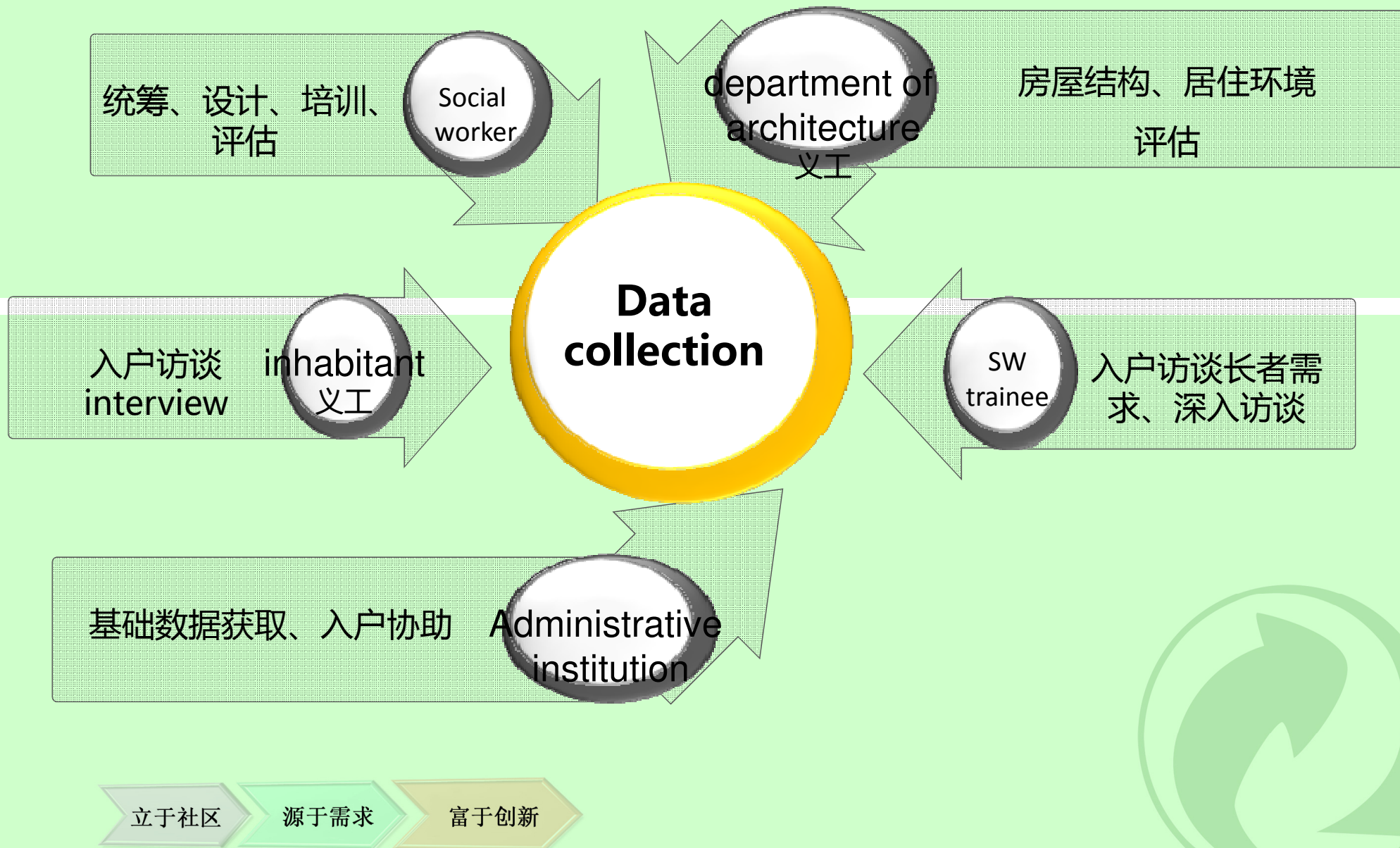
Gross sample: chose 2 administrative area in GZ, which is aging, have long history

## Sample:

- 1) the elder, more than 60 years old
- 2) 21 community
- 3) issue 60 questionnaires, retrieve 45, effective retrieve rate is 75%



# Data collection



# Investigation method

questionnaire method ( 22 )

essential information

state of health

dwelling condition

feeling of elderly

home Improvement motivation

home Improvement resource

home living safety awareness

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# Analytical method

Quantitative Research

Qualitative Research

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# Research & Analysis

## （一）长者行动能力下降严重，跌到危机高

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the elder, in action ability, including slow, need ladders-crawling equipment, wheelchair is about 68.9%

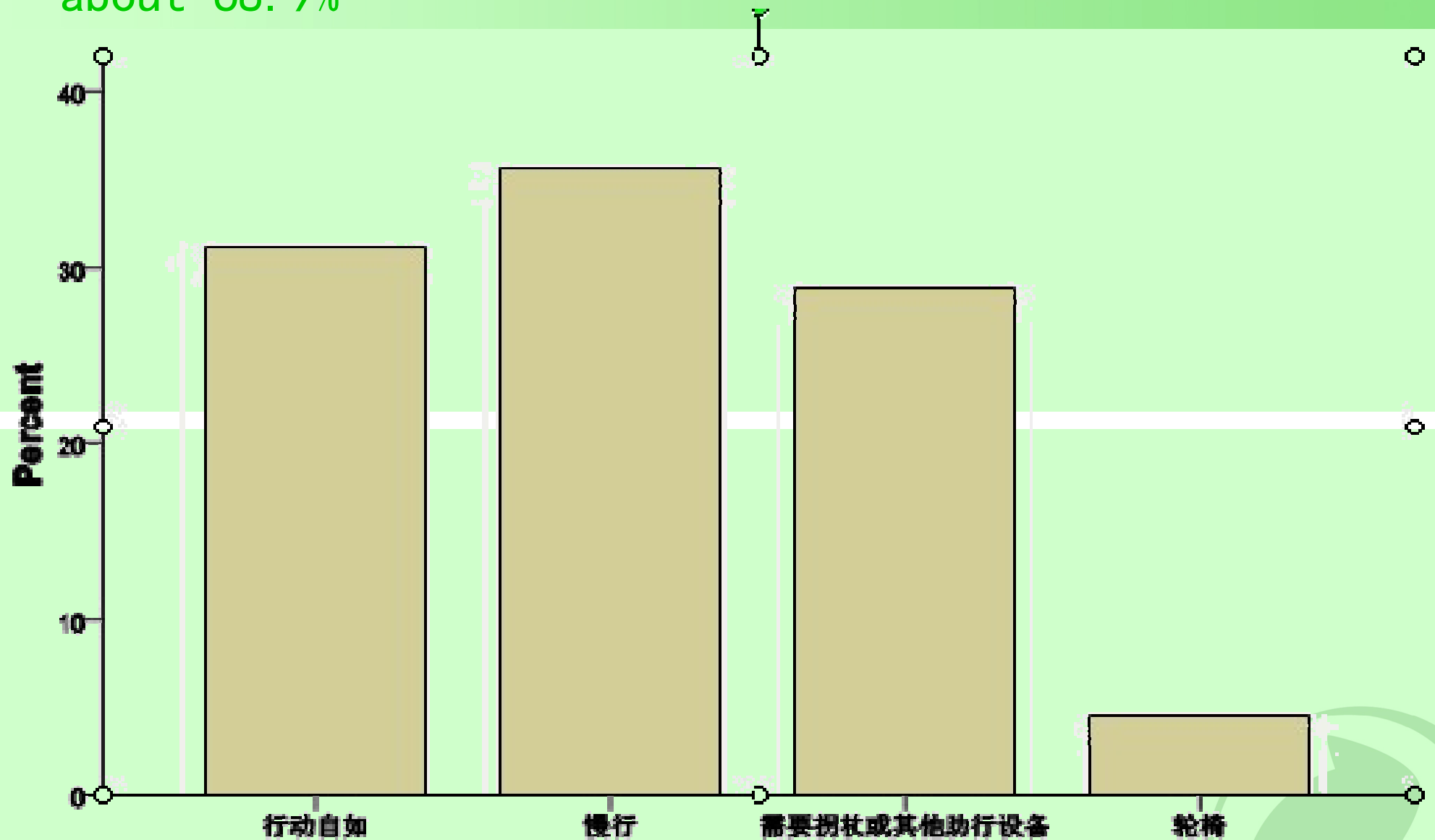


图 1 长者行动能力

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64.4% elder had ever fall down get an electric shock

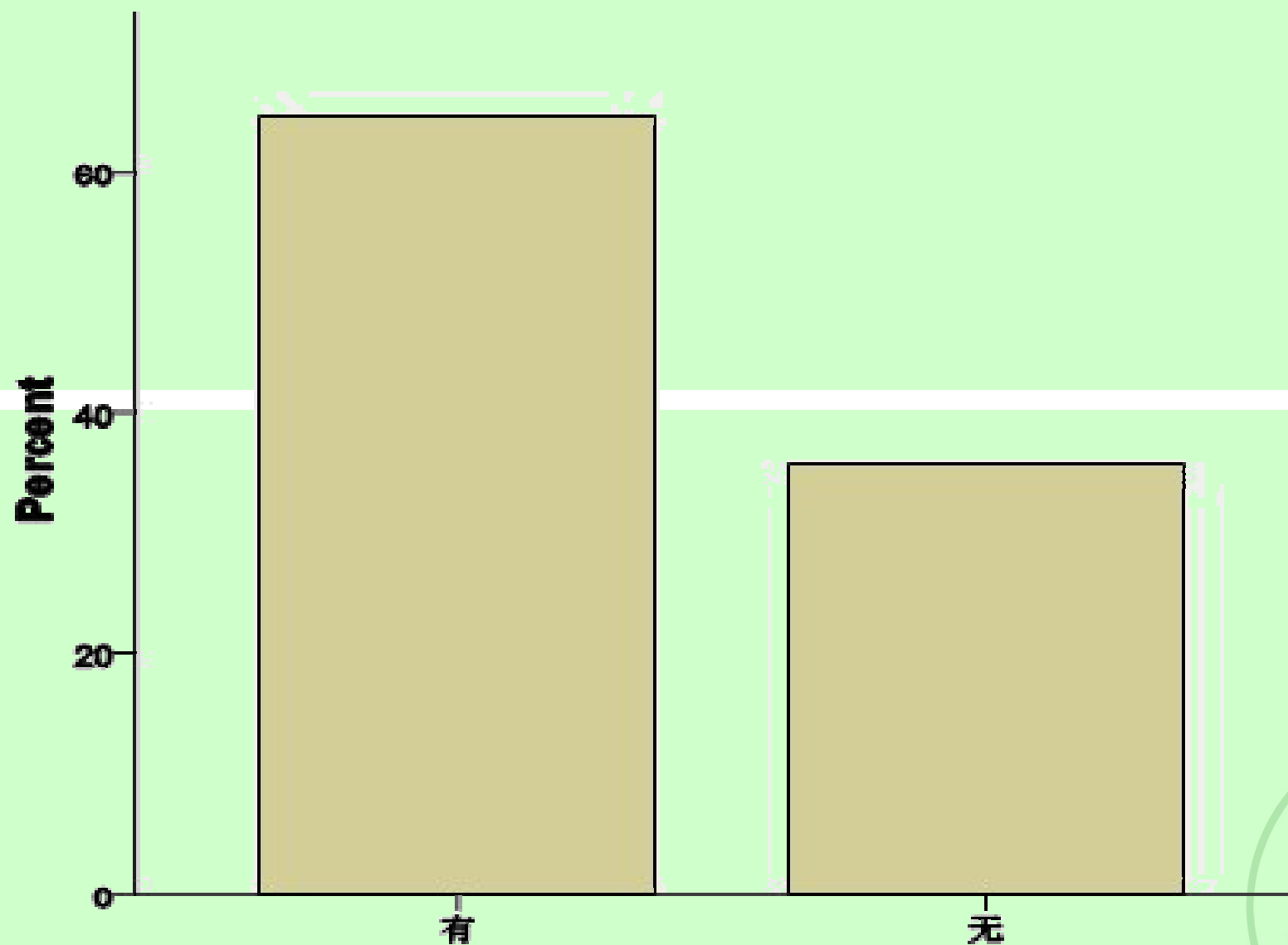


图 2 长者有过跌倒触电危机

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图 2 长者

有过跌倒

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## （二）长者房子安全性便利性较差，有待改善

88.9% elder live in their house more than 10years

The elderly, haven't improve their dwelling condition to fit for their physical condition ( photos )

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they pay more attention to the environment inside than outside.

表 2 对房子室内外环境的满意度

满意项目	满意度 (%)	是	否
1、你对房子不满意的地方是实用面积小		68.9	31.1
2、你对房子不满意的地方是通风性差		31.1	68.9
3、你对房子不满意的地方是光线暗		66.7	33.3
4、你对房子不满意的地方是家具不美观实用		8.9	91.1
5、你对房子不满意的地方是没安全感		8.9	91.1
6、你对房子不满意的地方是离车站远		15.6	84.4
7、你对房子不满意的地方是楼层高		26.7	73.3
8、你对房子不满意的地方是小区环境差		11.1	88.9

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### (三) 长者的家居安全环境意识

The publicity is not enough. So the elder don't know the hidden trouble in home living safety. Make them lack of safety awareness.

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The publicity is not enough.

表 3 获取家居环境安全知识的途径

获取率 (%)	有	无
您平时获取有关家居环境知识的途径		
1、社区宣传	6.7	93.3
2、电视媒体	8.9	91.1
3、书报杂志	4.4	95.6
4、亲戚朋友	2.2	97.8
5、街坊邻居	8.9	91.1
6、社区讲座课堂	4.4	95.6
7、其他	26.7	73.3

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when telling the elder about 'hidden trouble in safety', there are 51.1% indicate haven't known that. Even if they know, they don't care and they can't care. This refraction their life attitude

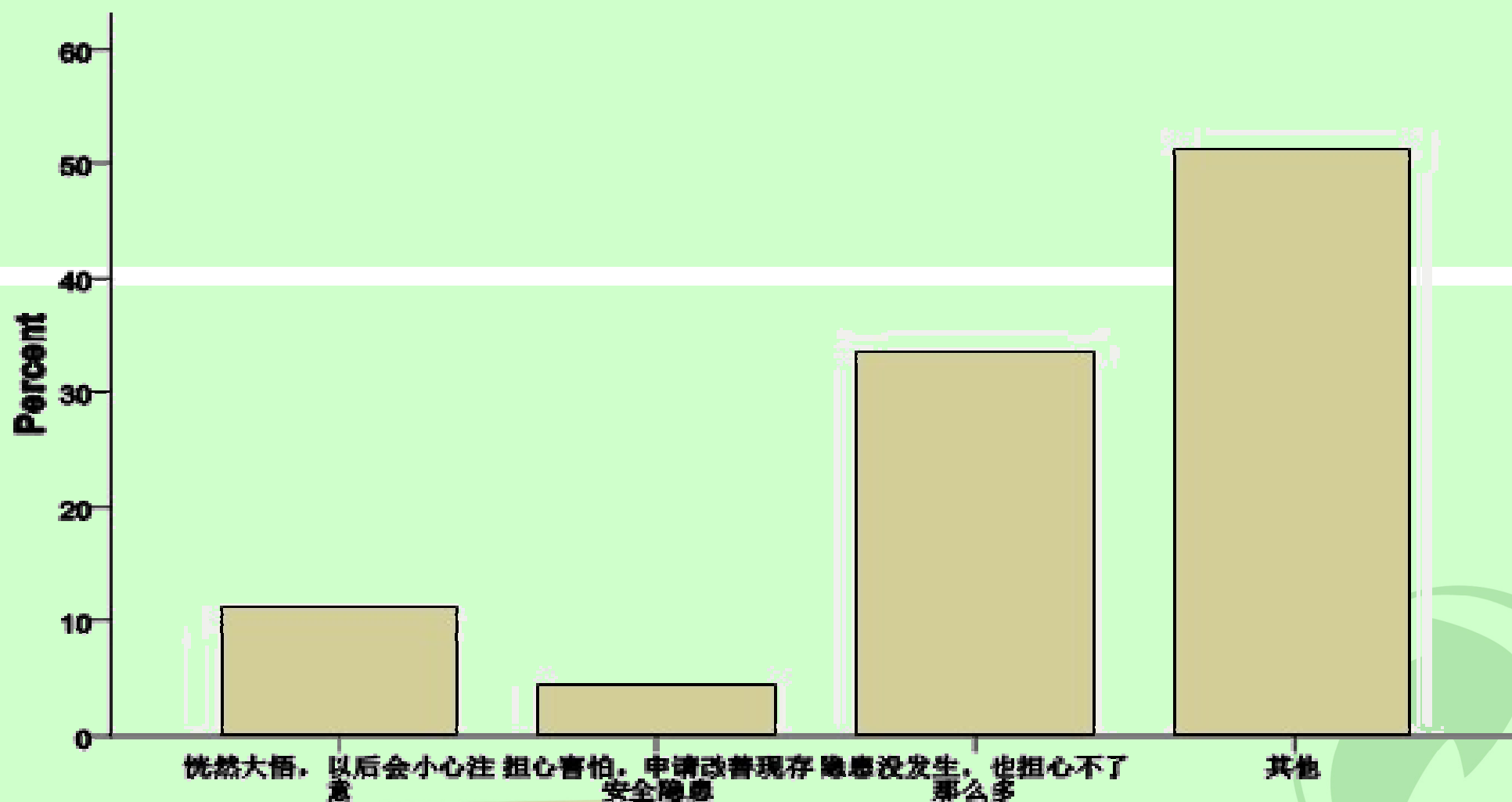


图 3 老人了解家居安全隐患后的反应情况

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## （四）长者改善家居安全的意愿及可接入资源

they need to improve, but can't  
resource is limited

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want to feedback or not, the number of them is nearly.

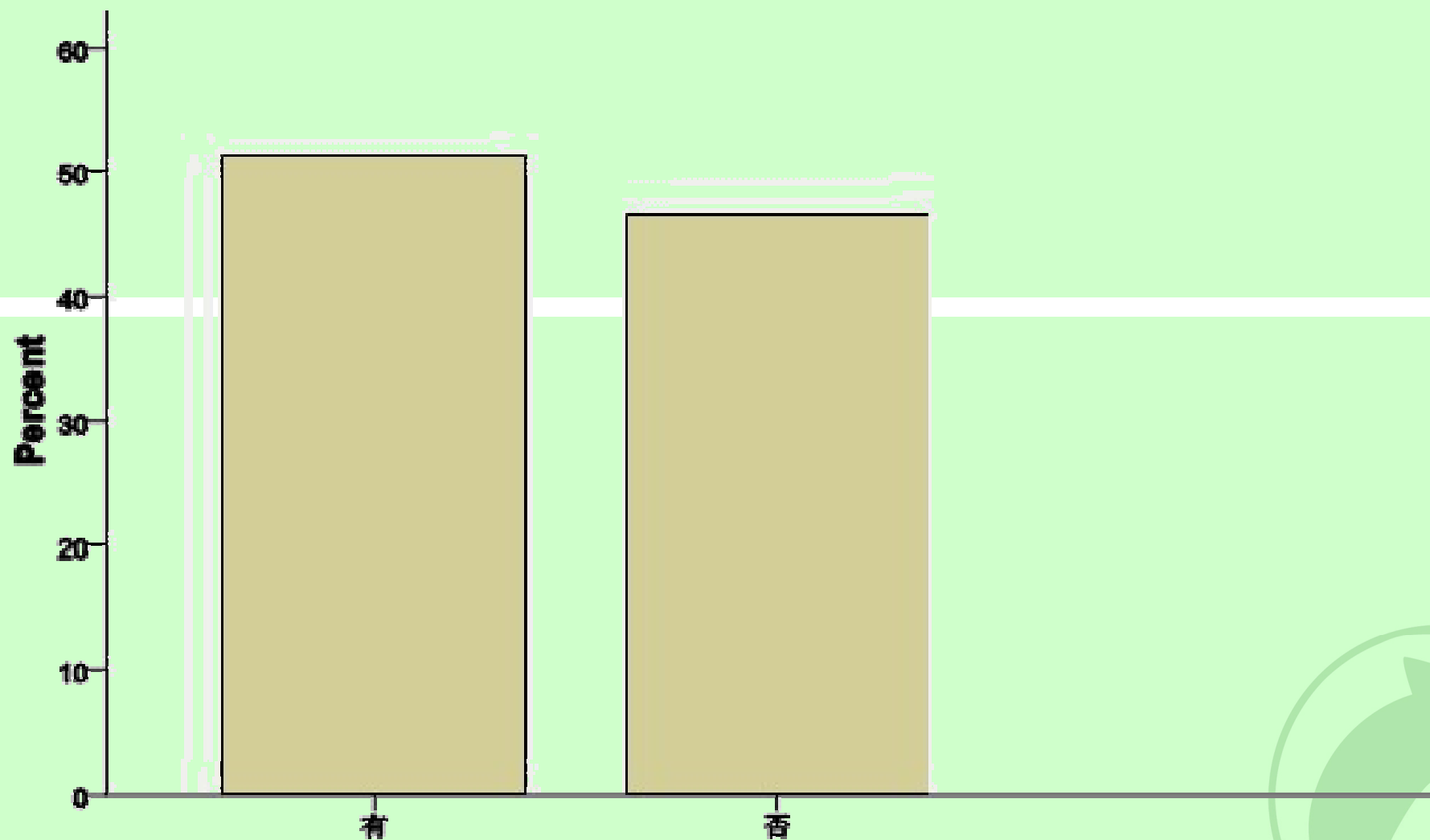


图4 家居环境有问题时，是否反映

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the way for them to feedback is  
limit, only the administration in the  
community

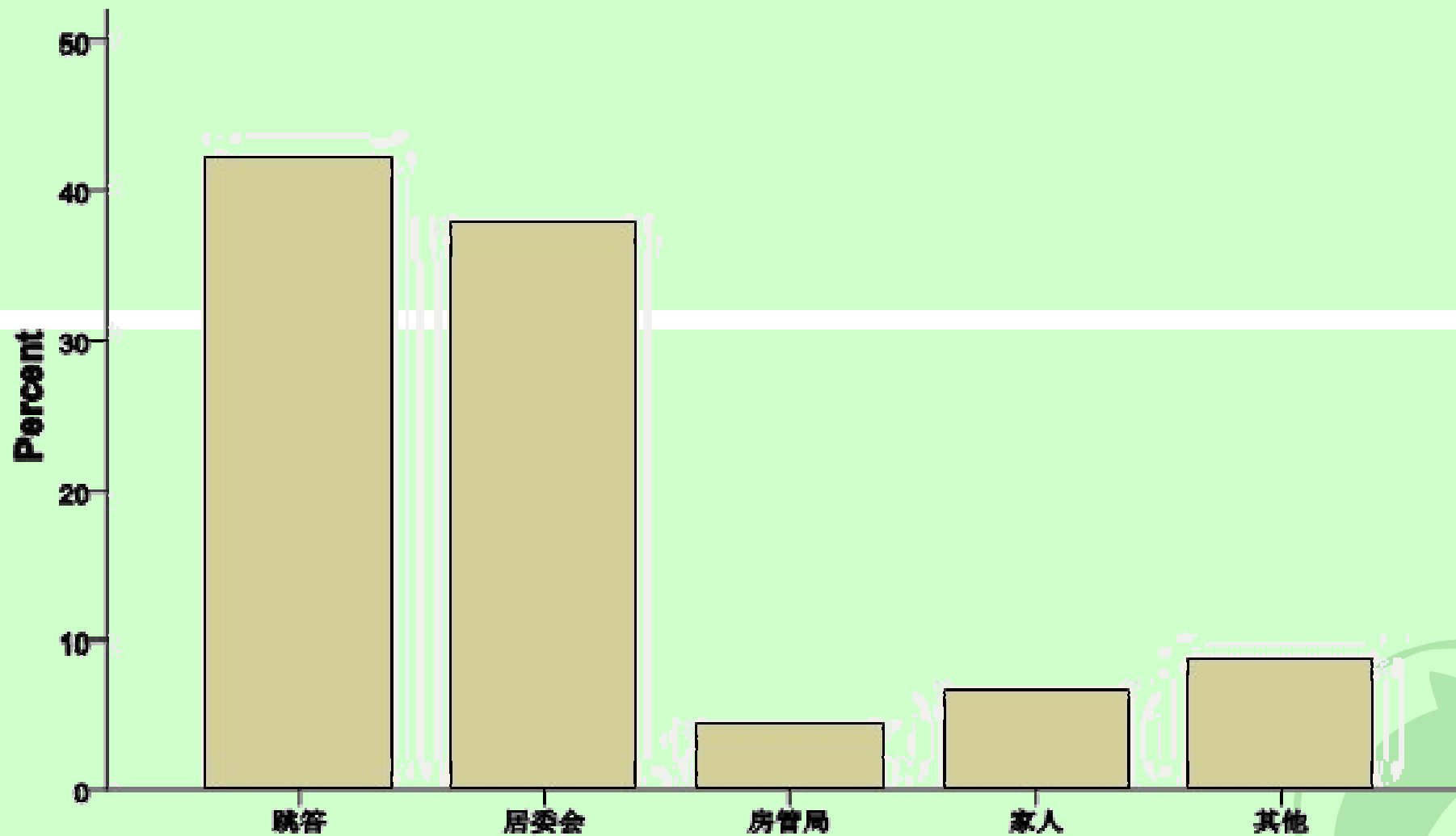


图 5-1-1 社区家居环境安全问题的反映渠道

more elder is negative, for no reply  
or less support

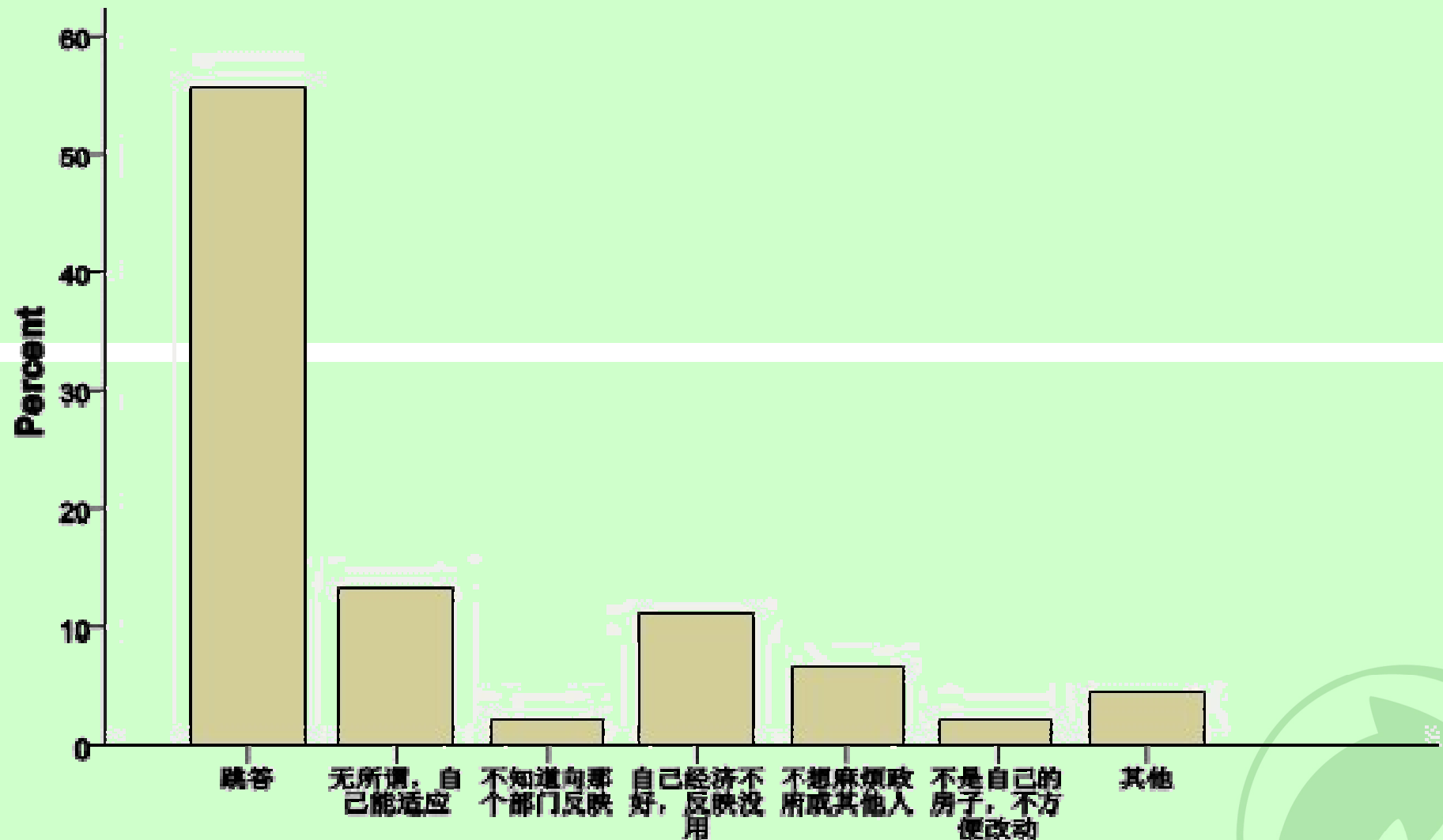


图 6 家居环境安全问题不反映的原因

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# Contact Resources

the young volunteers are positive, to join this research, and help the elder to make the improve scheme. (photos)

we had ever tried to contact resources, such as publicity it for the inhabitant and the community, apply for "The Keep Walking Fund" project, strive for China Vanke's sponsor and so on. They think it's necessary, but responses less.

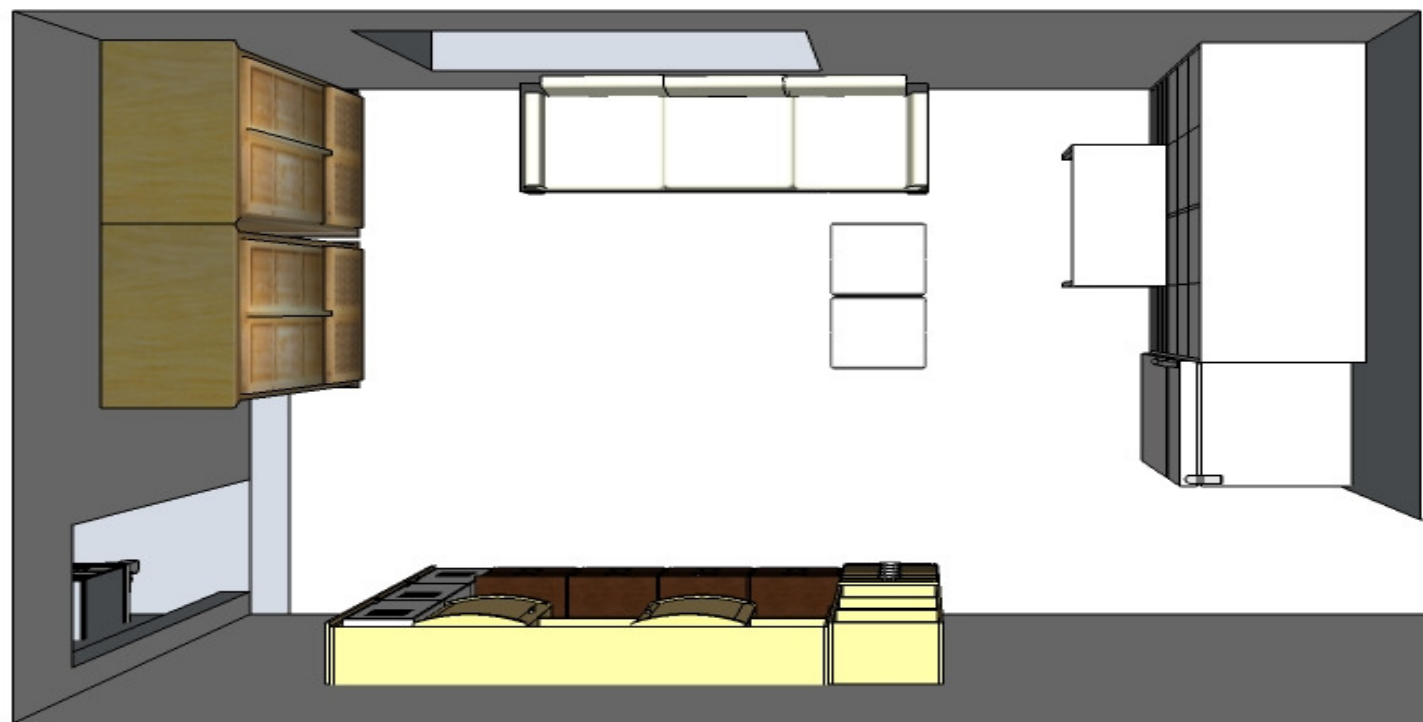
there's no model had been settle in NeiDi, to support this public welfare project

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# Suggestion

The elderly health 、 life difficulties to improve their living conditions . They need to improve there dwelling environment, but can't, for the limit way 、 resource and less attention.

We need to publicity this actuality for the whole, to raise the elder awareness of the safety living. expect for the goverment, to affecting the policy formulation.

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Thank you !

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