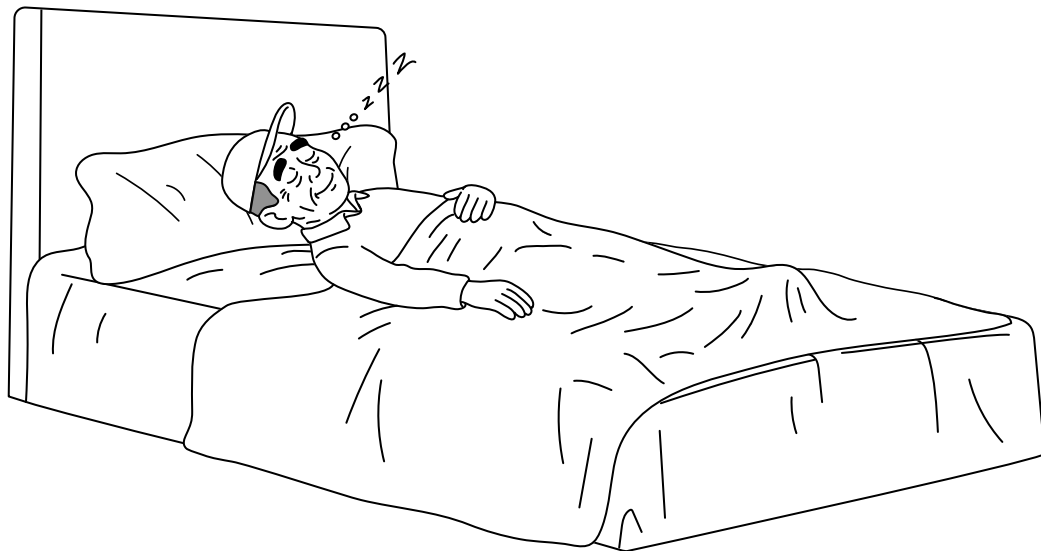


# nipā



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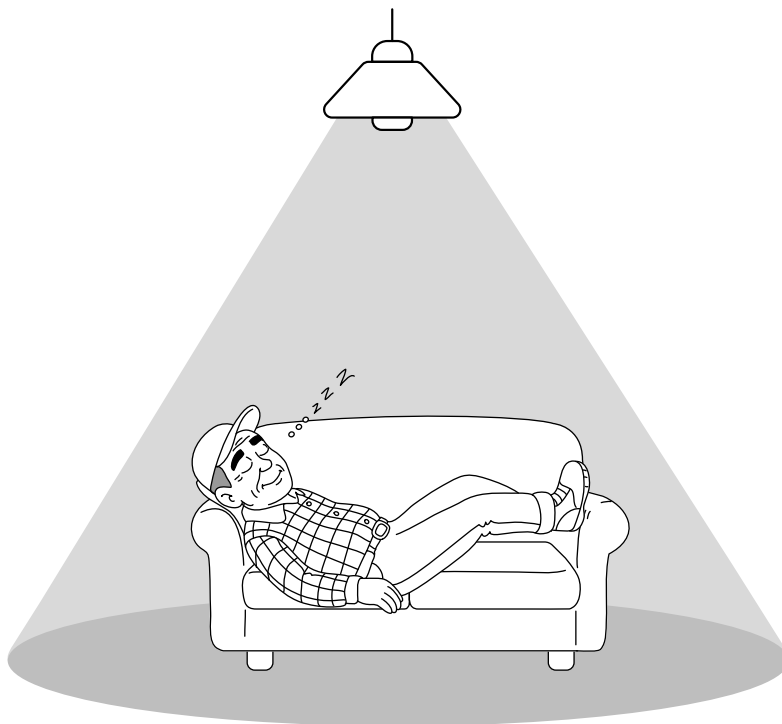
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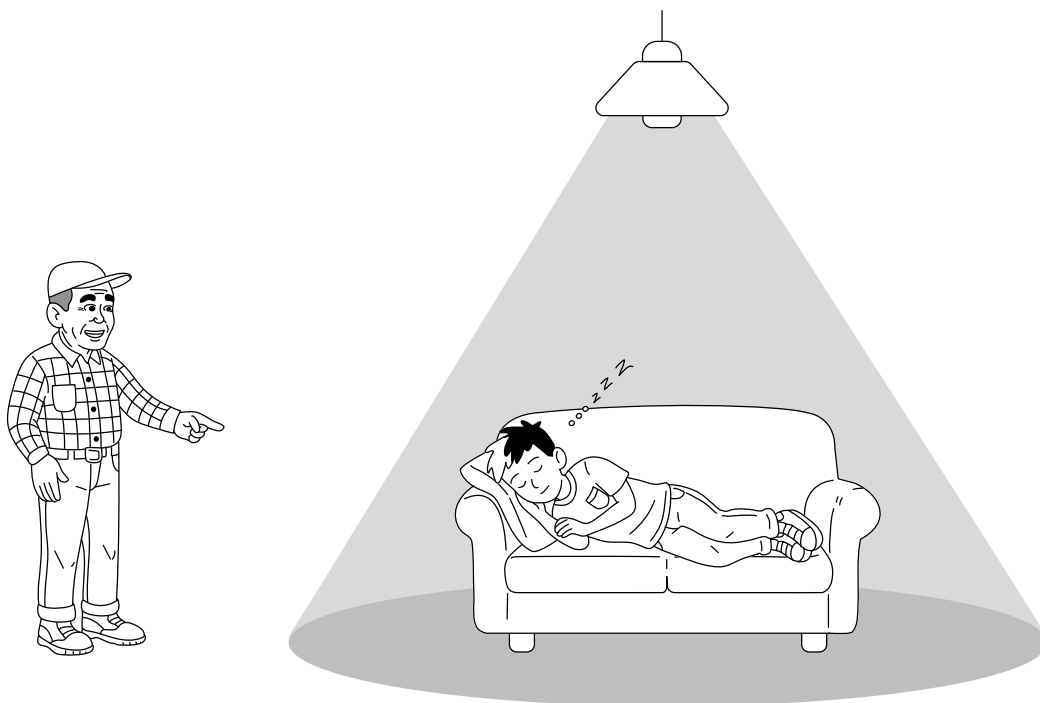
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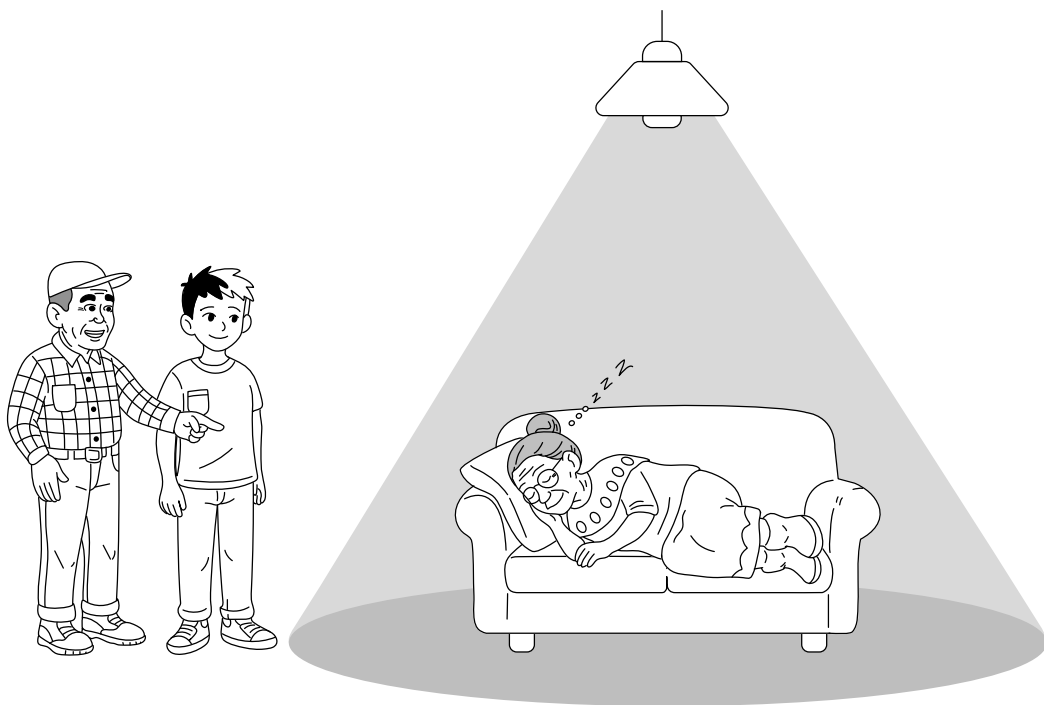
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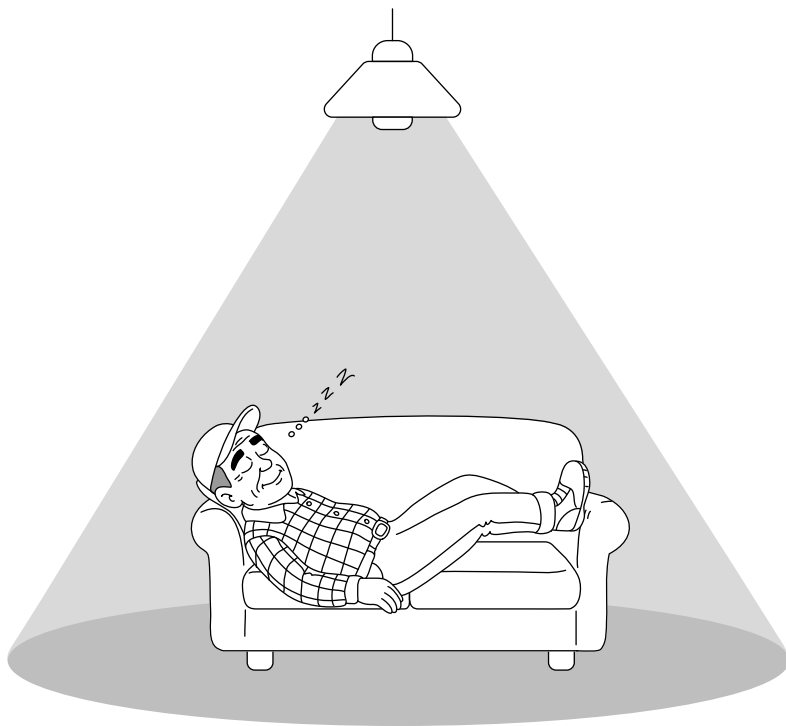
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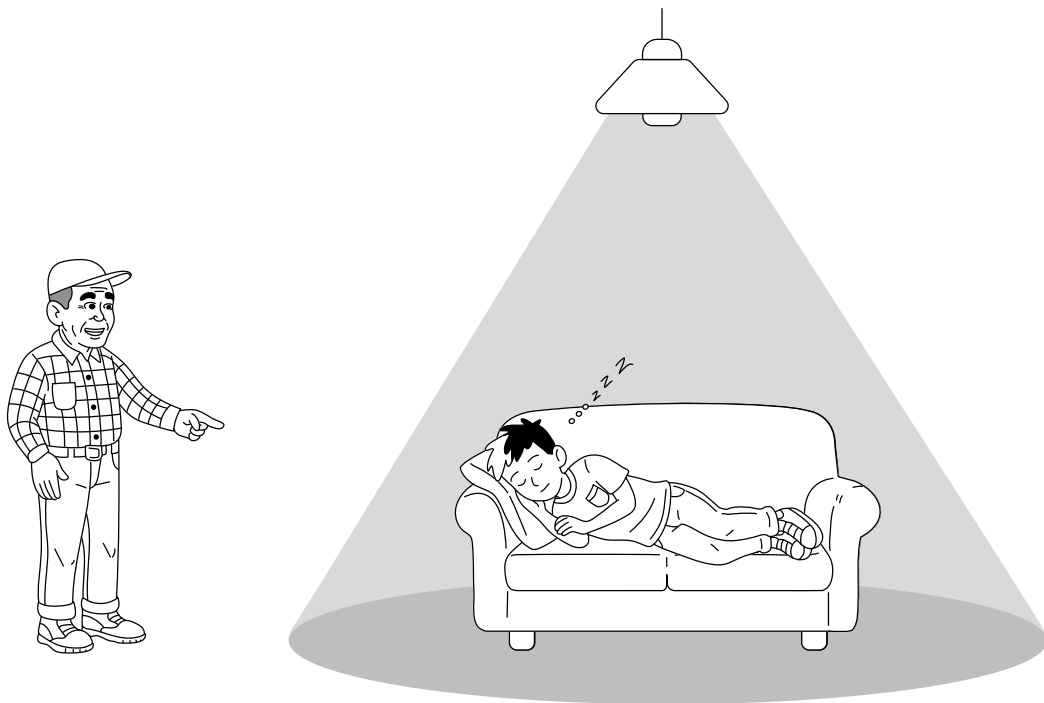
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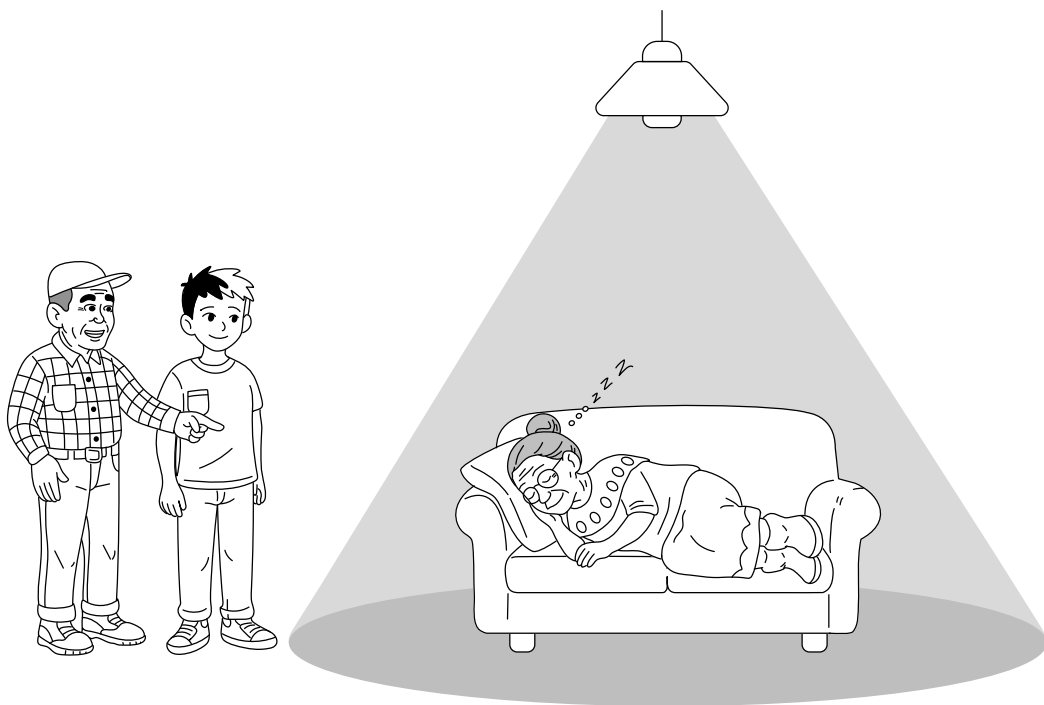
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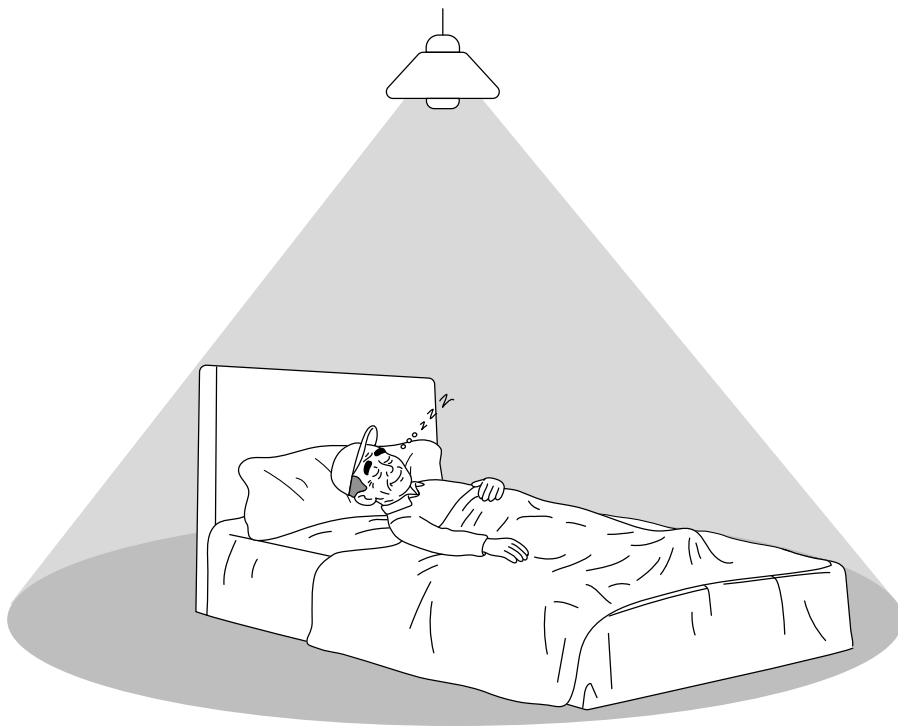




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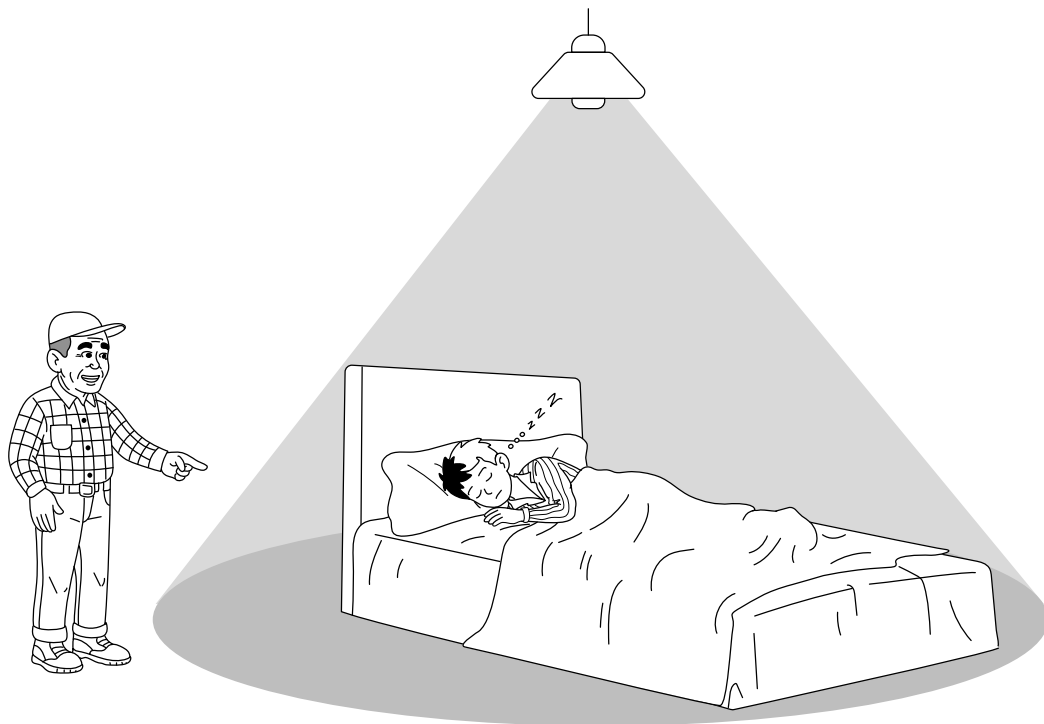






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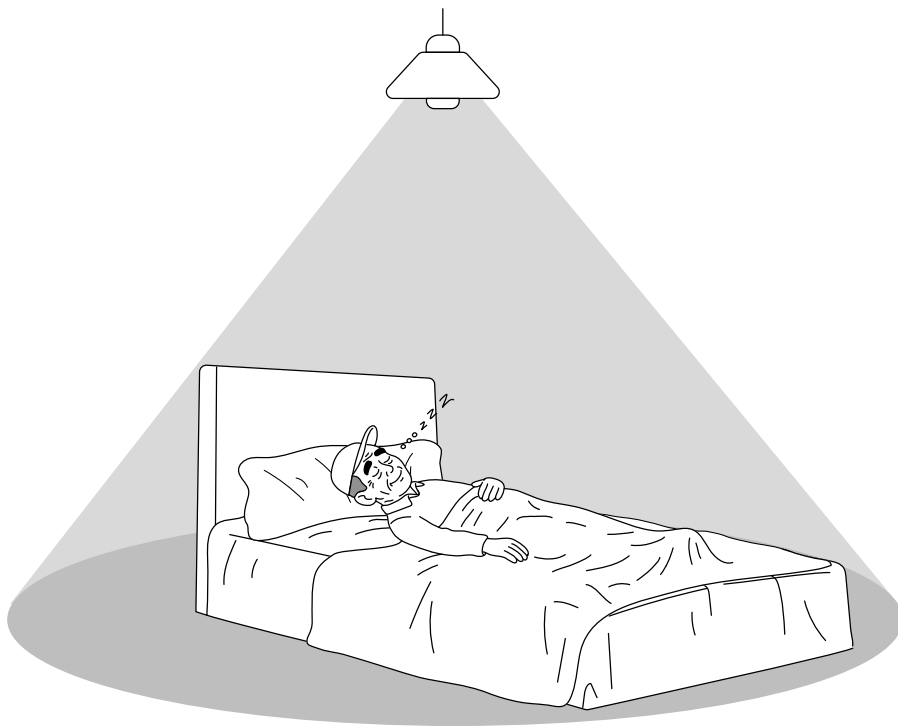
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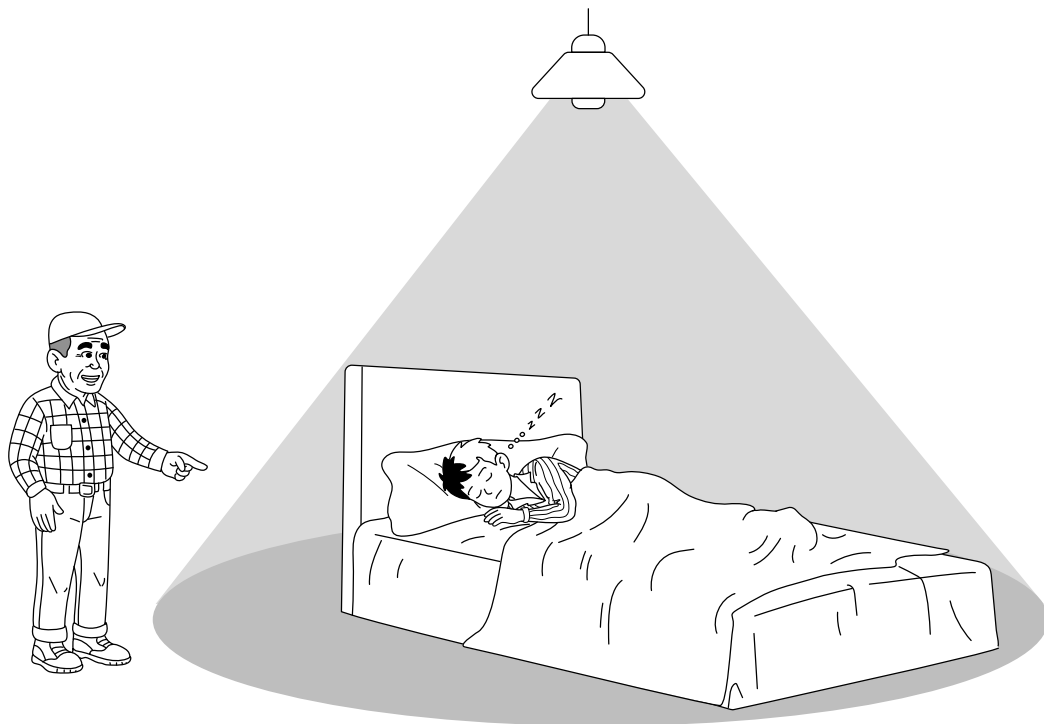
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i-nipāyan nipîwinihk.



i-nipât tîhtapiwinihk minôš.



# Glossary



**nipā**

sleep

**ninipān.**

I sleep.

**kinipān.**

You sleep.

**nipāw.**

S/he sleeps.

**i-nipāyān.**

I am sleeping.

**i-nipāyan.**

You are sleeping.

**i-nipāt.**

S/he is sleeping.

**ninipān nipīwinihk.**

I sleep in a bed.

**kinipān nipīwinihk.**

You sleep in a bed.

**nipāw tīhtapiwinihk minōs.**

The cat sleeps on the chair.

**i-nipāyān nipīwinihk.**

I am sleeping in a bed.

**i-nipāyan nipīwinihk.**

You are sleeping in a bed.

**i-nipāt tīhtapiwinihk minōs.**

The cat is sleeping on a chair.



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