

Home Safety Assessment

It's a good idea for all of us to periodically check out the safety of our own homes and the homes of our parents or other older family members. The Home Safety Assessment below is meant as a guide for you and is not all inclusive - we're sure you will think of other items to add. We just want to help you get started!

Entrance/Ramps/Stairways

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Is individual able to safely maneuver on outside walkways?			
2. Steps leading into home in good repair?			
3. Is the inside pathway to the main outside doorway clear and uncluttered?			
4. Inside stairways in good condition?			
5. Are handrails present and sturdy on stairways?			
6. Is the individual able to safely maneuver steps?			
7. If there is an exterior ramp, is it in good condition?			

Living Areas & Bedrooms

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Are carpets and throw rugs slip resistant with edges secured?			
2. Are walkways clear of clutter and extension cords?			
3. Do doorways and doorswings allow safe passage?			
4. Is lighting adequate (not a safety hazard)?			
5. Is there a phone or personal alarm system to call for help?			
6. Is phone easily accessible at night?			
7. Are emergency numbers written in large print and kept near a phone?			
8. Are heating and ventilation/air conditioning systems in working order?			
9. Are sleeping quarters safely accessible?			
10. Light within reach of bed?			

Bathroom

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Is the bathroom safely accessible to the individual?			
2. Is there a nonskid mat or skidproof stripping in shower or bath?			
3. Are grab bars or other safety equipment for the bathing area and toilet in place?			
4. Is the toilet seat adjusted to maximum ease of use?			

Kitchen

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Can individual safely use stove/microwave?			
2. Is food storage safe and not at risk for bacteria (eg. refrigerator in working order)?			
3. Type of appliances:	[] Gas	[] Electric	

(Also see list for Living Areas)

General Considerations

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Are smoke detectors installed and working on each level of the home?			
2. Does the pet present a safety hazard?			
3. Is the individual at risk during temperature extremes?			
4. Is the individual a non-smoker?			