SHARP Health Plan

Home safety and fall prevention

Preventive Care Checklist

We've developed this handy home safety checklist to ensure your home is as safe as can be. Some hazards may be obvious, and others not as much. Please note, the items listed here are not covered by Sharp Direct Advantage.

Bathroom	
Install grab bars on walls, near the toilet or along bathtub / shower	
Place a slip-resistant rug next to bathtub / shower	
Put a sturdy plastic shower chair in bathtub / shower	
Set nonskid adhesive textured strips on floor of bathtub / shower	
Mount a liquid soap dispenser on wall of bathtub / shower	
Bedroom	
Remove clutter from the floor to avoid walking hazards	
Keep a lamp, flashlight and telephone within reach of your bed	
Place night lights on path from bedroom to bathroom	
Buy a raised mattress to make it easier for you to get in and out of bed	
Living Room	
Arrange furniture for a clear walking path	
Remove low-level coffee tables / ottomans from paths used by walkers or crutches	
Install illuminating light switches	
Keep electrical appliance cords out of the way	
Check for loose wood floorboards	
Kitchen	
Store food, dishes and cooking equipment at waist level	
Use nonskid floor wax to prevent slipping	
Purchase a step stool with handrail to help you reach into higher cabinets	

Did you know?

1 in 4 older adults fall each year. Visit **sharpmedicareadvantage.com/fallprevention** for simple tips and tricks to prevent falls.