

Preventive Care Checklist (For ages 55+) Home safety

Your health and safety are important to us. Use this checklist to help increase safety in every room of your home.¹ From your bedroom to your living room, we've included suggestions to remove tripping and falling hazards, improve visibility and increase mobility.

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 off 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	0
Buy a raised mattress to get in and out of bed more easily	
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	0
Keep electrical appliance cords out of the way	0
Check for loose wood floorboards	0
Kitchen	
Store food, dishes and cooking equipment at waist-level	
Use nonskid floor wax to prevent slipping	
Purchase a step stool with handrail for reaching into higher cabinets	

¹The information in these checklists include recommendations adapted from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, as of May 2021.