



## Peace of Mind

Reducing the risks of a fall begins at home. Through education and self-examination, we can eliminate the likelihood of falls.

## Free In-Home Assessment from Senior Homecare by Angels

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## Fall Prevention

*How to Reduce the Risk of  
Falling for Older Adults*



# Here Are Some Things You Can Do to Reduce the Risk of Falling

Review the questions below carefully. For best results, correct the items you have checked off.

## Health, Safety & Home Assessment

- ☐ **Do you take four or more medications daily?**

Multiple medications can cause dizziness, drowsiness and balance problems. It is important to have all of your medications reviewed at least once a year by a pharmacist or doctor.



- ☐ **Have you or those around you noticed a change in your hearing?**

Dizziness can occur with hearing loss. Set up an appointment to have your hearing checked.

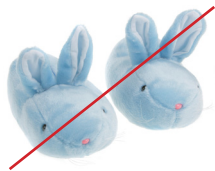
- ☐ **Have you or those around you noticed a change in your vision?**

Seeing obstacles is the first step in avoiding a fall. Keep your glasses clean. Have your eyes examined once a year.

- ☐ **Have you fallen two or more times in the past six months?**

Get a checkup! Falls lead to injuries. You need to find out why you are falling.

- ☐ **Do you wear floppy slippers or a long bathrobe?**



Wear well-fitting slippers with non-skid soles. Avoid night clothing that drags on the ground. Keep robe tied.

- ☐ **Throw rugs?**

Throw rugs pose a tripping hazard. They should be tacked down or removed.

- ☐ **Stairs without rails?**

Using hand rails to go up and down stairs is easier and safer. Add hand rails to all stairs, if possible.

- ☐ **Clutter in your walking space?**

Clutter such as shoes, electrical cords and magazines is a safety hazard. Keep pathways clear.

- ☐ **Dark hallways or stairwells?**

Good lighting can reduce the chance of falling.

- Consider adding night lights where overhead lighting is lacking.

- Add strips of bright tape to the edge of each stair.

- Always keep a charged flashlight near your bed for emergencies.

- A night light in the bathroom can also make night trips to the bathroom safer.



## Safety Precautions

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### REACHING OVERHEAD?

Put commonly used things on shelves that are easy to reach. If you must reach overhead, keep a sturdy stool handy.

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### PICKING UP OBJECTS FROM THE FLOOR?

Plan ahead. Move the object closer to something sturdy to hold on to.

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### GETTING IN AND OUT OF THE BATHTUB?

Add grab bars to the walls or use a tub seat to assist with bathing. Non-skid tub mats and a hand held shower can also be useful.

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### GETTING IN AND OUT OF A CHAIR?

Avoid sitting on low furniture. Chairs with arms make it easier to get up.

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### WALKING WITHOUT HOLDING ON TO SOMETHING?

If you feel unsteady without holding onto something, you may need a cane. Consult your doctor or health care provider.