

# HOME HAZARDS CHECKLIST

KITCHEN	BATHROOM
<ul> <li>Well lit area and light switch is easily accessible</li> <li>Use night light or motion sensor lights</li> <li>Fire extinguisher (check expiration date!)</li> <li>Smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarms (check batteries!)</li> <li>Non skid rug in front of sink to prevent wet floors</li> <li>Frequently used items placed within reach</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shower is accessible and has at least one grab bar (two preferred)</li> <li>Rug for getting out of bath has non slip backing</li> <li>Well lit and has night light or motion sensor light</li> <li>Toilet is the correct height</li> <li>Door handle can be unlocked from both sides</li> <li>Non slip mat inside tub or shower</li> </ul>

## LIVING AREAS

- Lights are easy to reach and use.
- Floors are free of clutter, electrical cords are out of the way, and no low tables in the way.
- Phone with emergency contacts posted nearby (& charger!)
- Furniture is stable and in good condition.

## BEDROOMS

- Bed is easily accessible (getting & out of)
- O Lights/light switches are accessible
- O Carbon Monoxide alarm (check batteries!)
- Floor is free from electrical cords, rugs, and other clutter
- Night light near bed and door (for nighttime bathroom visits!)
- Phone nearby incase of emergency



#### OUTDOOR AREAS

#### **GENERAL SAFETY**

- Clear and even walkway from driveway to door
- Motion detection lights
- Door is in good condition and can be easily opened and closed
- Door has a lock and deadbolt
- O Door mat lies flat and in good condition
- Stairs have a handrail (from top to bottom) and non slip tread covers
- $\odot$  Stairs are well lit
- Stairs are even and allow secure footing
- Door bell works
- O Ramp if needed

- O Door handles are easy to use
- Uneven floors marked with bright colored tape
- Medication is stored properly
- Medical alert system with fall detection that will call emergency contacts if activated (don't forget the charger!)
- Extension cords or lamp cords are not placed in the flow of traffic
- Furniture is arranged for flow of traffic and making outlets available
- All rugs have non slip rubber backing (check periodically if needs to be replaced)
- Maximum wattage light bulbs recommended

