

## Safety & Accessibility Checklist

Use this list to identify fall hazards and accessibility issues of the homeowner and family members.  
Underline or use a highlighter to note problems and add comments.

### 1. EXTERIOR ENTRANCES AND EXITS

- Note condition of walk and drive surface; existence of curb cuts
- Note handrail condition, right and left sides
- Note light level for driveway, walk, porch
- Check door threshold height
- Note ability to use knob, lock, key, mailbox, peephole, and package shelf
- Do door and window locks work?

### 2. INTERIOR DOORS, STAIRS, HALLS

- Note height of door threshold, knob and hinge types; clear width door opening; direction that door swings
- Note presence of floor level changes
- Note hall width, adequate for walker/WC
- Determine stair flight run: straight or curved
- Note stair rails: condition, right and left side
- Examine light level, clutter hazards
- Note floor surface texture and contrast

### 3. BATHROOM

- Are basin and tub faucets, shower control and drain plugs manageable?
- Are hot water pipes covered?
- Is mirror height appropriate, sit and stand?
- Note ability reach shelf above, below basin
- Ability to step in and out of the bath/shower?
- Can resident use bath bench in tub or shower?
- Note toilet height; ability to reach paper; flush; come from sit to stand posture
- Is space available for caregiver to assist?

### 4. KITCHEN

- Note overall light level, task lighting
- Note sink and counter heights
- Note wall and floor storage shelf heights
- Are undersink hot water pipes covered?
- Is there under counter knee space?
- Is there a nearby surface to rest hot foods on when removed from oven?
- Note stove control location (rear or front)

### 5. LIVING/DINING/BEDROOM

- Chair, sofa, bed heights allow sit/stand?
- Do rugs have non-slip pad or rug tape?
- Chair available with arm rests?
- Able to turn on light, radio, TV, place a phone call from bed, chair, and sofa?

### 6. LAUNDRY

- Able to hand wash and hang clothes to dry?
- Able to access automatic washer/dryer?

### 7. TELEPHONE / DOOR

- Phone jack location near bed, sofa, chair?
- Able to get to phone, dial, hear caller?
- Able to identify visitors, hear doorbell?
- Able to reach and empty mailbox?
- Wears neck/wrist device to obtain emergency help?

### 8. STORAGE SPACE

- Able to reach closet rods and hooks, open bureau drawers?
- Is there a light inside the closet?

### 9. WINDOWS

- Opening mechanism at 42 inches from floor?
- Lock accessible, easy-to-operate?
- Sill height above floor level?

### 10. ELECTRIC OUTLETS AND CONTROLS

- Sufficient outlets?
- Outlet height, wall locations
- Low vision/sound warnings available?
- Extension cord hazard?

### 11. HEAT / LIGHT / VENTILATION / SECURITY CARBON MONOXIDE / WATER TEMP CONTROL

- Are there smoke/CO2 detectors and a fire extinguisher?
- Thermometer displays easily readable?
- Accessible environmental controls?
- Pressure balance valve available?
- Note rooms where poor light level exists
- Able to open windows; slide patio doors?
- Able to open drapes or curtains?