

## Home Safety Checklist

Hazard	OK	No	Suggestion/Action
<b><i>General Safety Guidelines</i></b>			
Emergency phone numbers by every phone			
Emergency fire exit plan			
Fire extinguishers on every floor and in kitchen			
Smoke detectors installed on every floor especially hallways and bedrooms			
Carbon monoxide detector installed in home			
Possible health risks tested for such as lead, radon, asbestos, mercury, mold, and carbon monoxide			
<b><i>Halls, Stairs, Entrances</i></b>			
Light switches at bottom and top of stairs			
Free of clutter and loose carpeting			
Secure handrails; should extend beyond stairs anchored 1-2 inches away from wall			
Carpets and runners fastened down			
<b><i>Living/Family Room</i></b>			
Able to turn on light without walking through a dark room			
Lamp and extension cords away from flow of traffic			
Sofas and chairs are low for mobility			
Furniture is sturdy for support when walking			
Furniture is secured with wall brackets			
Protective padding on any corners of coffee tables, furniture, and sharp edges			
<b><i>Kitchen</i></b>			
Towels/curtains out of range of stove			
Frequently used items within reach			
Sturdy stepstool at hand			
Appliances unplugged when not in use			
Sharp objects such as knives, forks, scissors are put away			
Chairs/step stools positioned away from oven			
Clear countertop space for less lifting			
Good, even lighting			
Oven controls are clearly marked			

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<b><i>Bathroom</i></b>			
Non-skid mats on floor and in shower			
Ability to get off toilet easily			
Grab bar in bathtub/shower (not towel rack)			
Medications in original containers and clearly marked			
Razor blades and other sharp tools stored away			
All electrical tools such as hair dryers, and curling irons, unplugged and put away			
Single-level mixing faucet is used or faucet handles that are easy to grasp			
<b><i>Bedroom</i></b>			
Phone, lamp and emergency contacts listed are next to bed at an arm lengths distance			
Nightlights are not touching any fabrics such as curtains or bedspread			
No clutter			
Lamps / extension cords are away from flow of traffic			
<b><i>Doors/Windows &amp; Electrical</i></b>			
All glass doors in the house contain decorative markers so they won't be mistaken as open doors			
All window blind cords are tied with clothespins or specifically designed cord clips			
All unused outlets covered with safety plugs			
All major electrical appliances grounded			
All electrical cords are properly installed (none broken or exposed wiring)			
Checked for potential electrical fire hazards, such as overloaded electrical sockets and electrical wires running under carpets			
No televisions, computers, or stereo equipment positioned against walls			
<b><i>Heating &amp; Cooling Elements</i></b>			
Chimneys have been cleaned recently			
All electric space heaters are at least 3 ft from beds, curtains, or anything flammable			