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FALL PREVENTION

CHECKLIST

- **1.** Always clear walk paths and repair as needed to prevent falls/trips.
- **2.** Inspect and repair stairs or any unlevel area or change in height for safety and install rails or handrails.
- **3.** Install non-skid material in high water areas such as bathtub or shower as well as under rugs.
- **4.** Remove throw rugs used in high-traffic areas. Make sure the corners have non-skid material underneath to prevent slips and trips.
- **5.** Install color contrast at top and bottom of stairs or at change in height of flooring.
- **6.** Install adequate lighting in all areas of home indoors and outdoors and use nightlight in walk path from bedroom to bathroom and to kitchen.
- **7.** Install grab bars or handrails in the bathroom for safety getting in and out of the tub or shower.
- 8. Use equipment in the bathroom where needed, such as over the toilet, to ensure safety and assistance transfers.
- 9. Have a physical therapy evaluation for fall prevention or home safety assessment for any needed equipment or gait or to assist in making other activities easier and safer.
- **10.** Use a cane or walker for ambulation if you have balance problems or weakness.

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