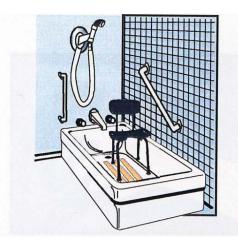
## BATH<mark>ROOM</mark>

- Use a raised toilet seat and safety frame for ease in getting up and down from toilet
- Set water temperature at 120 degrees or less (prevent burns and falls trying to avoid burns)
- Consider a hand-held shower head, shower chair and handrails in the tub
- Place non-skid adhesive strips in the tub.
- Use liquid soap or soap on a rope to prevent dropping soap.



#### **OTHER**

- Store items used often at waist level
- Select furniture with armrests for support in getting up and down
- Keep phone within easy reach
- Consult your provider or outpatient dietician if experiencing dizziness & weakness from poor nutrition or medication change.



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# Fall Prevention at Home

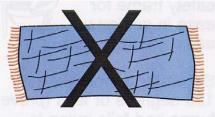
# Your risk of falling increases when you have:

- Poor vision or hearing
- ➤ A history of falls
- Use of aids, such as a cane
- Poor nutrition
- Certain/multiple medications
- Conditions in home such as slippery floors, loose rugs,

Our goal is to help you prevent falls at home! Here are some things that you can do to help lower your risk for falls at home.

## <u>FLOORS</u>

Remove scatter/throw rugs



Place non-skid treads or double-sided tape under area rugs

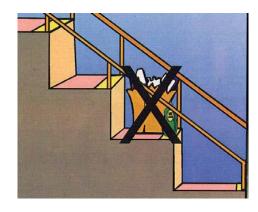


- Keep floors free from clutter
- Wipe up spills immediately
- Make sure floors are not slippery



## <u>CLEAR HALLWAYS</u> <u>AND STAIRS</u>

- Remove clutter, especially from hallways and stairwells
- Use handrails while taking the stairs
- Place non-skid treads or bright reflective tape to mark the edge of the stairs



## <u>LIGHTING</u>

- Replace dim, burned out or glaring lights
- with bright, soft white light bulbs



- ➤ Use a night light
- Make sure light are easy
- $\succ$  to turn on and off



Keep a flashlight available

