



Top 10 Home Safety Features



1 First Floor Access

- ▶ No-step entryways
- ▶ Living areas on 1st floor
- ▶ Lift device or sturdy handrails if multi-level
- ▶ Doorways 32"-36" wide

2 Handrails

- ▶ Sturdy handrails on both sides of walls
- ▶ Anchored in studs or reinforced walls
- ▶ Applies to interior and exterior handrails

3 Walk-in Showers

- ▶ Walk-in or roll-in shower on 1st floor
- ▶ Seat or hand held showerhead
- ▶ Grab bars in shower and tub areas
- ▶ Anchored in studs or reinforced walls

4 Accessible Closets

- ▶ Walk-in storage
- ▶ Use shelves and racks
- ▶ At least 36" wide

5 Adequate Lighting

- ▶ Extra lights in work areas
- ▶ Extra lights near chairs and beds
- ▶ Touch control lights
- ▶ Light paint colors for brighter spaces

6 Easy Grip Controls

- ▶ Lever handles on doors and faucets
- ▶ C or D shaped drawer pulls
- ▶ Rocker panel or touch light controls

7 Accessible Appliances

- ▶ Refrigerator with side freezer
- ▶ Microwave at countertop level
- ▶ Countertops or adjustable shelves to hold dishes near cooking appliances

8 Safe Flooring

- ▶ Floors that are even, firm, non-slip and non-glare
- ▶ Add stickers, decals or rubber mats to showers and tubs

9 Safety Devices

- ▶ Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- ▶ Keyless locks and intercom system
- ▶ Nightlights and glow-in-the-dark switches
- ▶ Anti-scald devices
- ▶ Emergency call system

10 Universal Design!

- ▶ Design your home using universal design!