## Senior Resources Navigation Notes...



### HOME SAFETY TIPS AND UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES



Is your home designed for safety? Use this checklist for suggestions.

#### **ENTRY**

- □ Covered entryway
- □ Wide and level walkways
- ☐ Good lighting outside and inside entryway
- □ Space for easy maneuvering opening and closing the exterior door
- □ Double doors with lever handles, easy to use locks & security peephole

#### **KITCHEN/BATHROOM**

- □ Lever faucet handles on kitchen and bathroom sinks
- □ Touch faucet in kitchen
- □ Anti-scald device on sink and tub/shower faucets
- □ Usable countertops while standing or seated
- □ Non-slip floor in bathtub or shower
- □ Reachable cabinets in bathroom and kitchen
- ☐ Grab bars near tub/shower and toilet



#### **INTERIOR**

- □ Well-lit hallways and stairways secure handrails on both sides of stairways
- □ Electrical or telephone cords placed along the wall to prevent a tripping hazard
- □ Remove scatter rugs or secure them to the floor
- ☐ Fire/smoke detectors
- □ Carbon monoxide alarms
  - Hint when clocks change for daylight savings time, change batteries in detectors and alarms

# SAFETY

#### **EMERGENCY PLANS**

- ☐ Create an emergency exit plan
- □ Pack an emergency kit
- □ Select an agreed upon meeting place after exiting
- □ Practice emergency exit plan every six months

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