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HOME SAFETY ASSESSMENT
Checklist

In using this checklist, keep in mind the following points:

Some features of your home may be safe for you, but not for other members of your household.

Some home modifications or changes you make may be beneficial to one person, but may not be appropriate for another.

If you have Medicare, you can ask your primary doctor for a prescription for a home safety evaluation from an occupational therapist who has the skills and knowledge to evaluate the safety of your home for you. You can also pay out of pocket for this consultation.

Any home modifications you decided to make should be conducted by licensed and bonded contractors that are familiar with Universal Design principles.

As physical abilities change with age, it may become more difficult to manage at home safely. It is very important to evaluate your home for its safety, and whether it supports your ability to carry out everyday activities efficiently.

This easy-to-use checklist provides a guide to the features of your home that may be an increased risk to your safety.

To use this checklist, walk through your home and consider each of the features listed. Also, use the checklist to help you develop a plan to modify your home, as needed. To learn about possible home modifications that can make your home safer, you may want to consult with a health professional such as an occupational therapist. This checklist is a recommendation; there may be other things to consider.

Questions to consider when thinking about home safety:

1. How are you managing at home?
2. Are you able to do the things you want to do safely?
3. Would you consider making changes to your home to keep you independent and safe?

The first step is for you to evaluate whether your home is safe for you now. Use this checklist, and also seek a home evaluation from a health professional such as an occupational therapist.

Release from liability: Any modifications the individual or family makes to the home are the sole responsibility of the homeowner. The Financial Advisor, Legg Mason, and The Center for Innovative Care in Aging at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing are held harmless and released from any liability that may occur from making a home modification.

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Entry to the home

Lighting

Is there adequate lighting in the following areas?

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Driveway	☐	○	
Garage	☐	○	
Walkways	☐	○	
At all doors	☐	○	
Near the trash area	☐	○	
Any other areas of the yard that are used after dark?	☐	○	

Driveway

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Is the driveway smooth and evenly paved?	☐	○	
Is the transition between the driveway and surrounding surfaces (such as the yard), smooth and even, free of ruts and other things (rocks) that could cause tripping?	☐	○	
Is the slope of the driveway low enough that it does not cause a problem?	☐	○	

Walkways to and around home

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Are walkways smooth and level (no cracks, gaps or other tripping hazards)?	☐	○	
Are steps along walkways clearly visible?	☐	○	
Do they have handrails?	☐	○	
Are transitions between different surfaces (a patio and sidewalk, concrete and asphalt, walkway and grass, etc.) even and level?	☐	○	
If there are steeply inclined walkways, do they have sturdy, easy-to-grasp handrails?	☐	○	
Are shrubs, bushes and grass trimmed back or removed so they do not infringe on or obstruct the walkway (potential tripping hazard)?	☐	○	

Steps to the doors

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Do all steps (even single steps) have sturdy, easy-to-grasp (cylindrical) rails on both sides?	☐	○	
Are the stairs and multiple steps of equal height?	☐	○	
Are the stair treads sturdy, level and in good condition?	☐	○	

Garage

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Are there adequate overhead lights in the garage?	☐	○	
Is there a clear pathway to walk through?	☐	○	
Do entry stairs or ramps to the house have railings?	☐	○	
Are ramps rising at a minimum slope of 12:1 (12 inches of ramp length for every one inch of height is standard. However, 16:1 is recommended.)	☐	○	
Do ramps have sturdy rails on both sides?	☐	○	
Are the rails cylindrical for easy grasping?	☐	○	

Entry to the home (Continued)

Ramps (if applicable)

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Do ramps have smooth transitions from ramp surface to ground surface?	☐	○	
Do ramps have non-skid surfaces or have non-skid strips been added?	☐	○	
Do ramp railings extend beyond the ramp to help people transition off the ramp?	☐	○	
Do ramps have sufficient width of at least 36 inches between handrails?	☐	○	

Entry porches/decks/landings

	Front		**Rear**		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Have all potential tripping hazards, such as clutter and overgrown bushes, been removed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the landing wide and deep enough to safely open the door?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a clearly visible, easily reachable doorbell?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do porches and decks have railings or barriers to prevent someone from stepping or falling off?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are the railings securely fastened?	☐	○	☐	○	
Does the decking have secure, even floorboards with no protruding nails?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a non-skid surface on the porch/deck/landing?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do doormats have non-skid backing, with no upturned corners?	☐	○	☐	○	

Exterior doors

	Front		**Rear**		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
If necessary, are doorways wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is a lock or deadbolt present on interior of door?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are locks in good working order and easy to use?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are latches and door handles in good condition and easy to use?	☐	○	☐	○	
If someone has trouble turning a doorknob, are there lever handles?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do the doors open and close easily without sticking?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do doors on springs close slowly enough (so they don't close on someone going through the door)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the threshold at the door less than one inch high?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do glass sliding doors have decals at eye level?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are the doors easy to open?	☐	○	☐	○	

Entry to the home (Continued)

Other outdoor area concerns

	Front		Rear		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
If there is a patio or deck, is it level, smoothly surfaced and free of tripping hazards?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are garbage and recycling areas well lit?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do these areas have safe, accessible stairs and railings?	☐	○	☐	○	
Have working chimneys been professionally inspected and cleaned within the last year?	☐	○	☐	○	

Inside the home

Entryways and vestibules

	Front		Rear		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Have throw rugs (potential tripping hazards) been removed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a clear pathway (devoid of clutter) through the entry hall?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are all cords and wires out of the pathway?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are thresholds low enough (less than 1 inch) so someone does not trip over them?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there adequate lighting?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the light switch at the entrance to the room?	☐	○	☐	○	
If necessary, is the entryway wide enough for a wheelchair/walker?	☐	○	☐	○	

Hallways

	#1		#2		#3		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
If people need support, are there handrails along the hall?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are halls free of clutter and other tripping obstacles?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are carpet runners tacked down or do they have anti-skid backing?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are thresholds less than one inch, so they are not tripping hazards?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
If necessary, are halls wide enough for a wheelchair/walker?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there adequate lighting?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a light switch at both ends of the hall?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	

Doors/doorways

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Do all doors open easily?	☐	○	
Are thresholds less than one inch?	☐	○	
Are latches and door handles in good condition and easy to use?	☐	○	
If someone has trouble turning a doorknob, are there lever handles?	☐	○	

Inside the home (Continued)

Interior stairs

	2nd floor		Basement		Other		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Do stairs have sturdy rails on both sides that are securely fastened?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Do rails continue onto the landings?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are the stair treads sturdy, not deteriorating or broken?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are edges of stair treads clearly visible (no dark, busy patterns)?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are stair pads in good repair (tacked down, in one piece)?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
(If bare wood) Are stair treads slip-resistant?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
(If carpeted) Is carpet securely attached, not worn/frayed?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are top and bottom steps highlighted?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are stairs free of clutter?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
If stairs have a low, overhanging beam that people could bump their heads on, has it been padded?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	
Are stairs and landings well lit, with light switches at both top and bottom?	☐	○	☐	○	☐	○	

Living room (LR) and dining room (DR)

	LR		DR		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Is the lighting adequate?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a light switch at the entrance to the room?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a clear, unobstructed path through the room (no clutter, cords, wires, baskets or other things to trip over)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are thresholds minimal and carpet binders tacked down?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are carpets in good condition (not frayed or turned up, torn, or with worn spots that someone could trip over)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are plastic runners/carpet protectors tacked down (not folded or turned up at edges)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do throw rugs have anti-skid backing and no upturned corners?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is tile/linoleum free of chips or tears, and not slippery?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are bare wood floors slip resistant?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there at least one comfortable chair people can get in and out of safely and easily?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is furniture stable?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do tables have rounded edges that are clearly visible (no sharp edges, not made of glass)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do windows open easily?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are shades and blinds easy to open and securely attached?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are electrical cords run behind furniture and not across the floor or under the rug?	☐	○	☐	○	

Inside the home (Continued)

Family room (FR) and other room(s)

	FR		Other		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Is the lighting adequate?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a light switch at the entrance to the room?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a clear, unobstructed path through the room (no clutter, cords, wires, baskets or other things to trip over)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are thresholds minimal and carpet binders tacked down?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are carpets in good condition (not frayed or turned up, torn, or with worn spots that someone could trip over)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are plastic runners/carpet protectors tacked down (not folded or turned up at edges)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do throw rugs have anti-skid backing and no upturned corners?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is tile/linoleum free of chips or tears, and not slippery?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are bare wood floors slip resistant?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there at least one comfortable chair people can get in and out of safely and easily?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is furniture stable?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do tables have rounded edges that are clearly visible (no sharp edges, not made of glass)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do windows open easily?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are shades and blinds easy to open and securely attached?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are electrical cords run behind furniture and not across the floor or under the rug?	☐	○	☐	○	

Bathrooms

	Bath #1		Bath #2		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
General considerations					
Is there a light switch at the entry?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there adequate lighting overall?	☐	○	☐	○	
… At the sink?	☐	○	☐	○	
… Over the tub/shower?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a night-light?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the door threshold less than one inch?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the room free of clutter and tripping hazards?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the flooring non-slip/non-skid (including throw rugs), even when wet?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are there grab bars in other areas of the room as needed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the room kept warm during bathing (heat lamp, towel warmers, etc.)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Sinks					
Are sink faucets easy to reach?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is it easy to determine where the hot and cold areas of the faucet are?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is it easy to mix the temperature?	☐	○	☐	○	
If necessary, have anti-scald devices been installed?	☐	○	☐	○	

Inside the home (Continued)

Bathrooms (Continued)

	Bath #1		Bath #2		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Sinks (Continued)					
Is the sink wheelchair accessible or can someone sit at the sink?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are mirrors at an appropriate height?	☐	○	☐	○	
Tub/shower					
Are there sturdy grab bars in the tub and/or shower, if needed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the shower curtain bottom out of the way, so it is not a tripping hazard?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are toiletries in the tub easily reached from sitting and standing positions?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a non-skid bathmat in the bathtub?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a hand-held shower head?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are tub/shower faucets easy to use and read (hot & cold clearly marked)?	☐	○	☐	○	
If needed, is there a tub or shower seat?	☐	○	☐	○	
If shower/tub doors are present, are they made of a non-shattering material?	☐	○	☐	○	
Toilet					
Are there sturdy grab bars at the toilet (or toilet arms and a raised seat)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is toilet paper easily reachable from the toilet seat?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is the toilet seat in good condition and securely fastened?	☐	○	☐	○	

Kitchen

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Are frequently used items visible and easily reached (front of pantry and refrigerator)?	☐	○	
Are sink faucets easy to reach?	☐	○	
Is it easy to determine where the hot and cold areas of the faucet are?	☐	○	
Is it easy to mix the temperature?	☐	○	
If necessary, have anti-scald devices been installed or the hot water temperature lowered?	☐	○	
If necessary, have timers been installed on the oven and cooktop?	☐	○	
Are burners and control knobs clearly labeled and easy to use?	☐	○	
Are the controls on the front of the stove, not the back?	☐	○	
Is there a close resting place nearby for hot vessels coming out of the oven?	☐	○	
Is glass cookware being used so the person can see the food being cooked?	☐	○	
Is the microwave easy to read, reach and operate?	☐	○	
Are towels, curtains, potholders and other objects that might catch fire located away from the range?	☐	○	

Inside the home (Continued)

Kitchen (Continued)

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Is there a step stool that is stable and in good repair?	☐	○	
Is kitchen ventilation system or range exhaust functioning properly?	☐	○	
Is there good lighting over work areas?	☐	○	

Laundry

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Is there a light switch at the entry?	☐	○	
Is there sufficient lighting?	☐	○	
Is the route to the laundry safe (including any/all stairs and railings)?	☐	○	
Are the appliances at the right height, so it is easy to get clothes in/out of the washer and dryer?	☐	○	
Are the control knobs easy to reach, read and operate?	☐	○	
Are laundry supplies easy and safe to reach?	☐	○	
Is there a non-slip floor surface?	☐	○	
Are tripping hazards off the floor (laundry basket or dirty clothes)?	☐	○	

Bedroom(s)

	Bed #1		**Bed #2**		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Is there a light at the entrance to the room?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is a light reachable from the bed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Can bureau drawers be reached (height of the drawer) and opened easily?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a clear, unobstructed path through the room (clutter and furniture are out of the way)?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are cords and wires off the floor?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do throw and area rugs have non-slip backing and no upturned corners?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are wood and linoleum floors non-skid?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is carpet smooth (no folds or holes) and tacked down?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are curtains and bed coverings off the floor, so they are not tripping hazards?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there support for getting in and out of bed, if needed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a place to sit and get dressed, if needed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are windows easy to open and close?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are window blinds and shades working properly and easy to open?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are blinds and shades properly secured?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is there a telephone within reach of the bed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are any assistive walking devices (cane, walker, wheelchair) within reach of the bed?	☐	○	☐	○	

Inside the home (Continued)

Bedroom(s) (Continued)

	Bed #1		Bed #2		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Is there a flashlight or some other form of non-electric lighting within reach of the bed in case of a power outage?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are electric blankets folded, covered by other objects or "tucked in" when in use? Is the power cord pinched or crushed by the bed, between a wall or the floor?	☐	○	☐	○	

Closet(s)

	Closet #1		Closet #2		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Are shelves and clothes poles easy to reach?	☐	○	☐	○	
Have closet organizers been installed to maximize use of space?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are closets organized so clothes are easy to find?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are clutter and other tripping hazards off the floor?	☐	○	☐	○	
Do closets have lights that are easy to find and reach?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are closet doors easy to open?	☐	○	☐	○	
If closet has sliding doors, do they stay on track?	☐	○	☐	○	

General home safety concerns

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Can an older adult contact someone in an emergency (medi-alert, names and numbers by phone, picture telephone, etc.)?	☐	○	
Are smoke detectors installed and working on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas and inside bedrooms?	☐	○	
Are carbon monoxide (CO) alarms installed and working on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas and inside bedrooms?	☐	○	
Is there a fire extinguisher in the house?	☐	○	
Is there a safe place outside to hide a key to the house for emergency entry?	☐	○	
Are emergency numbers posted on or near all telephones?	☐	○	
Are telephones positioned low enough so they can be reached if a fall occurs?	☐	○	
Is there a fire extinguisher in the kitchen?	☐	○	
Are all portable space heaters and wood burning heating equipment at least three feet from walls, furniture, curtains, rugs, newspapers or other flammable materials?	☐	○	
Are all medications in child-resistant containers clearly marked with the medication name and dose?	☐	○	
Is the area where medications are kept well lit?	☐	○	
Is the water heater set to no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit?	☐	○	
Are containers of flammable and combustible liquids stored outside of the house?	☐	○	
Are portable generators not operating in the basement, garage, or anywhere near the house?	☐	○	
Is there an emergency exit plan?	☐	○	

Inside the home (Continued)

General home safety concerns (Continued)

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Are small appliances, such as hair dryers, toasters, etc. unplugged when not in use?	☐	○	
Are electrical outlets or switches in good working order, and not unusually warm or hot to the touch?	☐	○	
Do all electrical outlets and switches have cover plates installed so no wiring is exposed?	☐	○	
Are all Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) receptacles working properly?	☐	○	

Specific safety considerations for people with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias

General considerations	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Is there a safe outdoor area that the person with dementia can use without wandering away (escape-proof porch or deck, fenced-in yard with locked gate)?	☐	○	
Have poisonous plants and shrubs or plantings with berries been removed?	☐	○	
Are there security locks on all exterior doors (double keyed and installed out of sight, etc.)?	☐	○	
Is a key hidden outside in case the person locks out the caregiver?	☐	○	
Are exterior and other doors to off-limit areas alarmed?	☐	○	
Is access to stairwells, storage areas, basements, garages and other off-limit areas controlled (with locks, secure gates, Dutch doors, etc.)?	☐	○	
Have access to home offices and computer/home finance areas been controlled?	☐	○	
If necessary, can all doors to off-limit areas be secured or disguised?	☐	○	
Are there eye-level decals on all glass doors and large picture windows?	☐	○	
Can all windows be securely locked?	☐	○	
Is there a drawing, picture or short instruction list for tasks or daily schedule?	☐	○	
Is there use of colors or color contrast to highlight an object?	☐	○	
Is there a safe, clear pathway through the house where the person can walk or wander safely without tripping, knocking into or damaging something?	☐	○	
If necessary, are childproof plugs in all unused electrical outlets?	☐	○	
Are radiators and hot water pipes that the person might touch covered?	☐	○	
Are all prescription medications and over-the-counter medicines locked up?	☐	○	
Have all poisonous plants been removed?	☐	○	
Is alcohol out of sight and locked up?	☐	○	
Are plastic/dry cleaner bags out of reach (could cause choking or suffocation)?	☐	○	
Are all weapons locked up or removed from the house (guns, knives, etc.)?	☐	○	

Inside the home (Continued)

Specific safety considerations for people with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias (Continued)

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Complete the following checklist if orientation or getting lost in the house is a problem.			
Are there signs, arrows and/or photographs pointing to the bathroom, bedroom, and other places the person needs to find?	☐	○	
Are doors that the person needs to use highlighted (signs, color)?	☐	○	
Is there a photo or memento on the door to help someone find his/her bedroom?	☐	○	
Are there night-lights or light strips leading to the bathroom from the bedroom?	☐	○	
Is the bathroom door left open when not in use to serve as a visual cue?	☐	○	
Are closets, drawers and cabinets that hold things the person can use labeled?	☐	○	
Complete the following checklist if hallucinations/misrecognition are problems.			
Are light levels even so that shade and shadows are kept to a minimum?	☐	○	
Has ominous looking artwork been removed (masks, distortions, abstract work)?	☐	○	
If the person gets upset by his/her or another person's image			
Are windows covered at night so person cannot see his/her reflection?	☐	○	
Are mirrors covered?	☐	○	
Have portraits and large photographs of people been removed or covered?	☐	○	

	Bath #1		Bath #2		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Bathroom safety checklist for people with dementia					
Have all medicines and non-electric razors been put away?	☐	○	☐	○	
Have all cleaning agents been put away?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are other harmful objects removed from the cabinets and fixtures?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are sink faucets easy to reach?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is it easy to determine where the hot and cold areas of the faucet are?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is a shower or bath seat accessible to allow a person to direct the flow of water desired?	☐	○	☐	○	
Is it easy to mix the temperature?	☐	○	☐	○	
Have anti-scald devices been installed?	☐	○	☐	○	
Does the color of the toilet fixture and/or seat contrast with the wall and floor for easy identification?	☐	○	☐	○	
Have all trash cans been removed if the person uses them as a toilet?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are there night-lights/signs giving directions to the bathroom and fixtures?	☐	○	☐	○	
Are instructions posted by the toilet, sink and shower/tub?	☐	○	☐	○	

Inside the home (Continued)

Specific safety considerations for people with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias (Continued)

	Yes	No	If no, plan of action
Kitchen safety checklist for people with dementia			
Are all drawers and cabinets with safe objects labeled?	☐	○	
Are childproof locks on drawers and cabinets that are or should be off limits?	☐	○	
Has access to the stove been controlled (knobs removed, lock on oven door, stove connected to hidden circuit breaker or gas valve)?	☐	○	
If necessary, has access to the refrigerator and freezer been controlled with a refrigerator lock?	☐	○	
Is there a night-light in the kitchen (for safe midnight snacking)?	☐	○	
Have sharp knives and other dangerous implements been removed or locked up?	☐	○	
Has excess clutter been removed from countertops and tables?	☐	○	
Has the temperature for the hot water tap been reduced to avoid scalding?	☐	○	
Have all vitamins, sweeteners, over-the-counter medicines and prescription drugs been removed (or left out in limited quantities only)?	☐	○	
Have all poisonous cleaning agents and hazardous materials been removed or locked up?	☐	○	
Have all "fake" foodstuffs been removed (wax/ceramic fruit, food shape magnets)?	☐	○	
If necessary, has the kitchen been closed off?	☐	○	
Bedroom safety checklist for people with dementia			
Are there night-lights (and signs, if necessary) along the path to the bathroom?	☐	○	
Is there a monitor/intercom between the person's and the caregiver's areas?	☐	○	
Has clutter and other potentially dangerous items (cologne, after shave lotion, deodorant, etc.) been removed from dresser tops and floors?	☐	○	
Are drawers organized simply and labeled?	☐	○	
Are hazardous items removed, such as electric blankets and hot water bottles?	☐	○	

About this checklist

This checklist was developed using the following process. A search was conducted on the following terms: "Home safety checklist for elderly," "home safety evaluation," and "CDC home safety checklist." Based on the terms used, 18 checklists were identified and reviewed for content. Additionally, these sources were used as a starting point: Olsen & Hutchings, Home Safety Checklist, Clemson's Westmead Safety checklist, and Gitlin et al's "Home Environmental Assessment Protocol for People with Dementia." Additional checklists were then examined to determine if additional items should be added. For additional information, please refer to the References section.

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