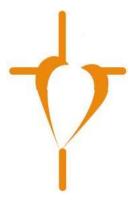
MY HOME REDUCING FALLS RISK



An Easy Read Guide

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TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS CONSIDER ENTRANCES



Entrance Lights



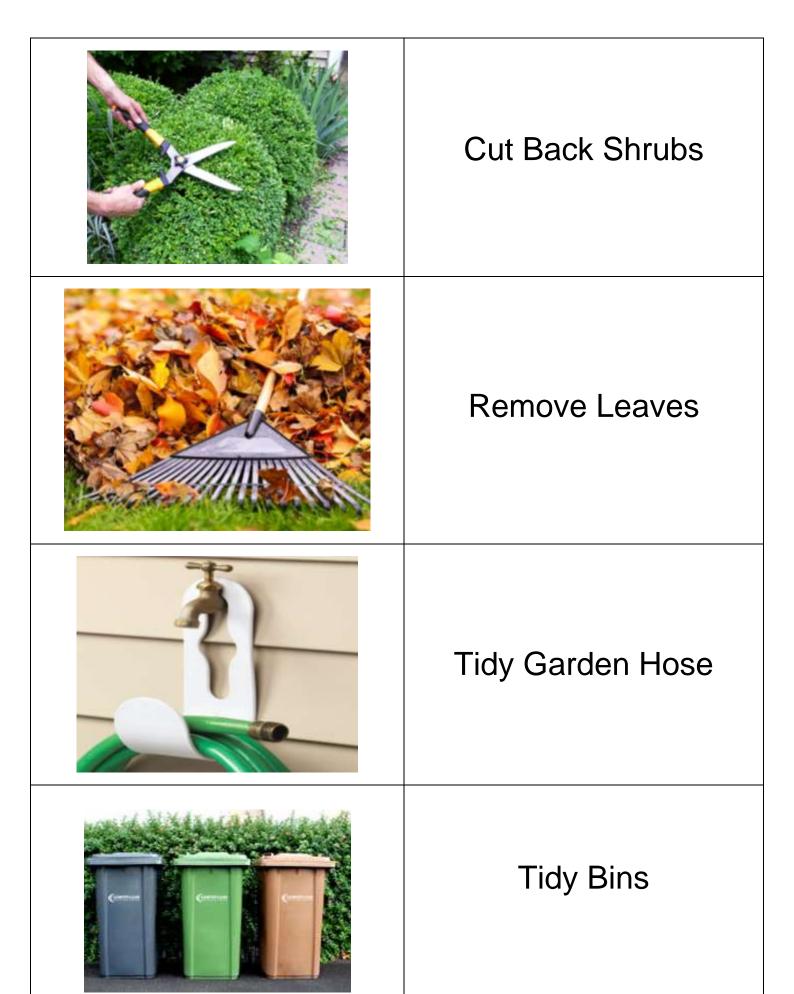
Level Unbroken Surfaces



Level Unbroken Stairs Secure Handrails



Remove Papers



TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS CONSIDER LIGHTING



Entrance Lights



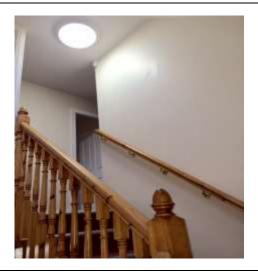
Hallway Lights



Living Area Lights



Kitchen Lights



Stairs and Landing Lights



Bedroom Lights



Bathroom Lights



Night Lights

TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS CONSIDER LIVING AREAS/KITCHEN



Lighting



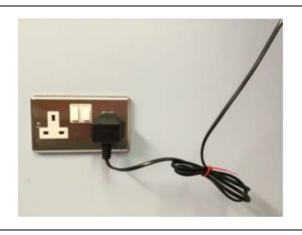
Proper Height Furniture



Clutter Free



Regularly Used Items within Reach



Tidy Electrical Cords



Remove Trip Hazards





Clean Up Spills



Remove Throw Rugs

TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS CONSIDER BEDROOM



Adequate Lighting



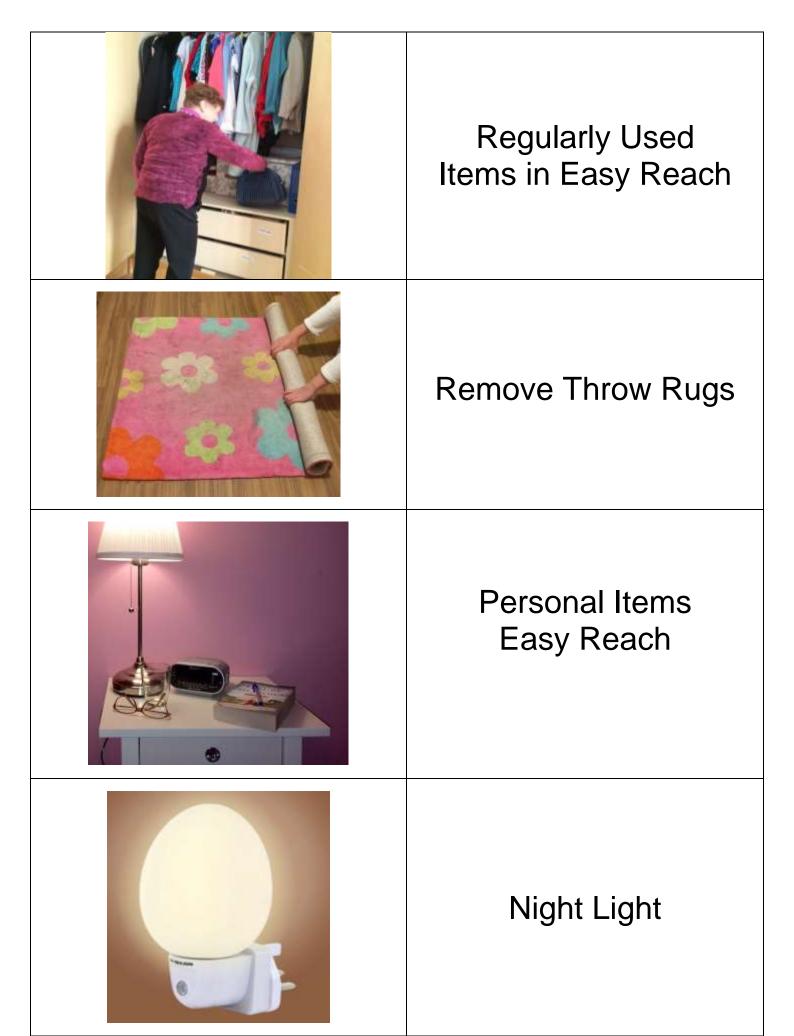
Bed Height



Bed Wheels Locked



Bedspread Off Floor/ Clutter Free Space



TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS CONSIDER THE BATHROOM



Lighting



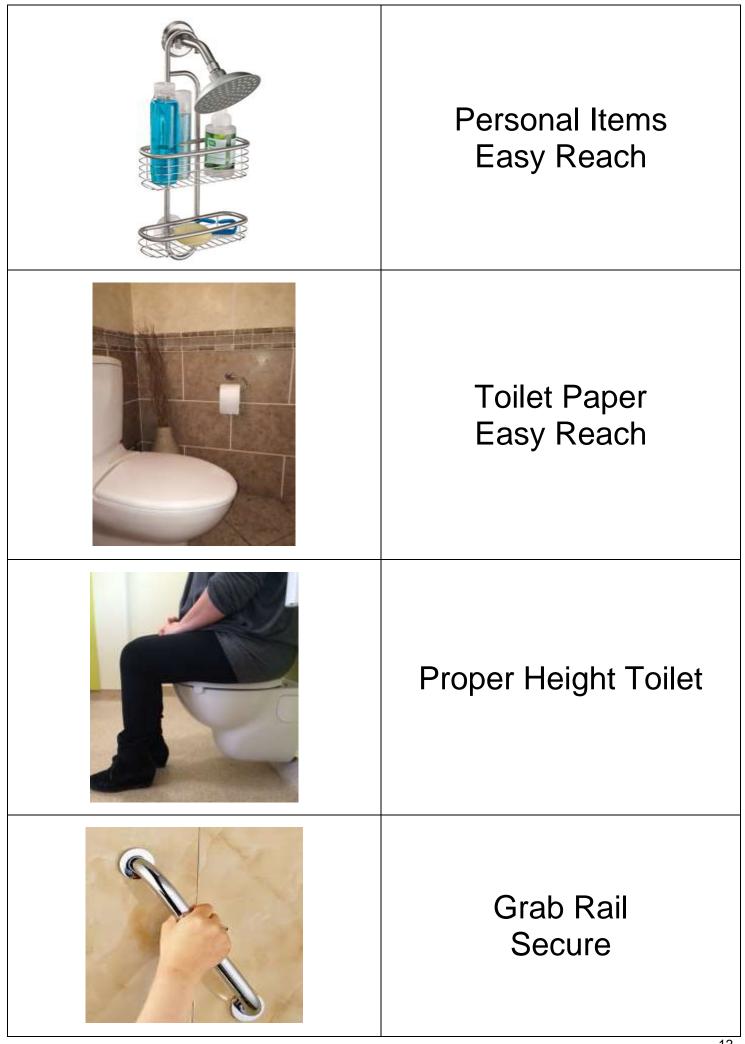
Clutter Free/Tidy Towels



Non-Slip Mat



Wipe Up Wet Floors



TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS CONSIDER CLOTHING



Trousers
Fit Well
and
Off Floor



Dressing Gown
Fits Well
Consider Zip/Buttons
and
Knee Length



Night Clothes
Fit Well
And
Off Floor



TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS CONSIDER OUTSIDE SPACES



Lighting



Level/Clear Access



Cut Back Shrubs



Remove Trip Hazards eg newspapers, rubble, uneven paths



Tidy Hose



Seasonal Hazards eg leaves, frost, snow, wet surfaces etc



Tidy Bins

TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS USE AIDS AS RECOMMENDED AND ARE IN GOOD REPAIR



Orthopaedic Shoes



Insoles (In Correct Shoe)



Walking Aids



Replace Rubber Tips
When Worn

