



The Room-by-Room HomeFit To-Do List

Check the box next to each needed repair or improvement

ENTRANCES AND EXITS

- Establish a zero-step entry into the home
- Install outdoor lights
- Make the house or apartment number fully visible
- Add a bench, table or small piece of furniture near the exterior door for placing packages while the door is being locked or unlocked?
- Create a spot inside the entry for storing shoes; hanging coats; placing bags, keys, etc.
- Install a no-step, no-trip threshold
- Add a second handrail if the stairs only have one
- Install lever-style door handles
- Install deadbolt locks and/or slide latches or chain locks on exterior doors
- Install a security peephole or viewing panel on the exterior door at a suitable height for residents
- Install a camera, video doorbell or other electronic system for seeing who's at the door

- Install sensors on outdoor light fixtures to automatically turn lights on at dusk and off at dawn and/or when motion is detected

- Repair holes, loose bricks or uneven pavement on exterior walkways

- Clear paths so they're free of leaves, moss, mold or other slipping hazards

- Remove scatter or throw rugs from the front stoop and inside the foyer and replace with sturdy doormats and/or floor mats

- Remove clutter from hallways

- Widen doorways to at least 32" by replacing traditional door hinges with swing-away or swing-clear types

STEPS AND STAIRWAYS

- Repair or renovate stairways that are unstable, have open backs, raised nail heads, missing treads, loose steps, etc.
- Cover steps with a tightly woven, low-pile carpet with thin padding
- Apply nonslip adhesive strips to uncarpeted steps

- Install handrails on both sides of all staircases

- Install a light fixture to illuminate the entire staircase

- Add light switches at the top and bottom of the stairs

- Plug automatic night-lights into outlets near steps and staircases

- Clear the stairs of clutter

- Place a tote or basket with a handle at both the top and bottom of the staircase to use while carrying items up or down the steps

KITCHEN

- Install task lighting for the sink, stove and other work areas

- Replace knobs on cabinets and drawers with easy-to-grasp, D-shaped handles

- Install a stove or cooktop with controls near the front of the device

- Place a lightweight, ABC-rated fire extinguisher in an easy-to-reach location

- Purchase a step stool that has nonslip steps and a grip handle

- Install adjustable, pull-down or similar shelving for safe access to upper cabinets

- Install pull-out cabinetry shelves beneath counters and place turntables in corner cabinets

- Install a lever-, touch- or sensor-style kitchen faucet — ideally one that's pressure-balanced, temperature-regulated and kept at or below 120°F

- Ensure that electrical outlets and switches near water are equipped with a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter)

- Establish a kitchen surface for working while seated

- Place or install bins for trash and recycling

BATHROOM

- Change electrical outlets and switches near water to ones equipped with a GFCI

- Install lever-, touch- or sensor-style faucets for the sink, bathtub and shower

- Install pressure balanced faucets and/or thermostatic valves for the sink, shower and tub faucets



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- Install a nonskid mat or nonslip strips in the bathtub and/or shower
 - Purchase rubber-backed rugs (or mats secured with double-sided rug tape or rubber carpet mesh) for the bathroom floor
 - Install grab (or assist) bars in the bathtub, shower and adjacent to the toilet
 - Install a comfort-height toilet or toilet seat riser
 - Install a bidet or toilet-based bidet attachment
 - Insulate exposed pipes beneath sinks to protect against hot pipes
 - Install a handheld or adjustable showerhead
 - Install a shower seat
 - Set the water heater at or below 120°F to avoid scalding
 - Install night-lights and/or illuminated light switches in the bathroom and the hallway leading to it

LIVING ROOM AND BEDROOM

- Arrange furniture to allow for clear, wide passageways
 - Position beds to allow easy access to the bathroom
 - Use natural light to the fullest by opening curtains, blinds and shades during daylight hours

- Remove scatter and throw rugs, and secure large area rugs to the floor with double-sided tape or nonslip mats

- Install interior lights and adjustable rods and shelves in closets

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

- Place flashlights in multiple rooms
 - Replace a top-loading washer with an easier-to-use front loader and place the washer and dryer on a raised platform if additional height is needed
 - Check that the light bulbs used for fixtures are the proper rating, have the highest allowed wattage and do not produce excessive glare
 - Plug automatic night-lights into hallway and bathroom outlets, and near stairs too
 - Replace traditional toggle light switches with easier-to-use rocker-style switches

- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of the home and ensure they can be heard in all bedrooms
 - Place a telephone in a central location where it can be easily reached by all family members.

- Purchase touch control lamps and devices that automatically turn lights on and off at set times

- Place electrical cords out of the way and/or along the wall to prevent tripping

- Choose a secure password or otherwise secure the home's internet network

- Securely attach tall or easily tippable furniture to the wall with furniture straps

- Reduce or eliminate excessive clutter throughout the home

OTHER TASKS

A Note to Renters

For changes that will require some remodeling or installation work, a tenant may need to seek permission from the property owner.