

Why is a Home Assessment Important for Older Adults?

Six out of every 10 falls happen at home, where we spend much of our time and tend to move around without thinking about our safety. Many falls could be prevented by making simple changes in your living areas, as well as personal and lifestyles changes.



Referral Process

All you need to do is call the Office For the Aging at [867-1370](tel:867-1370) and tell them you are interested in a home safety assessment. Renters and homeowners are eligible.

How much does it cost?

There is no charge for this service. Just keep in mind that any of the suggestions made are the responsibility of the home owner/renter. These are just ideas to help prevent seniors from falls. However, anyone who has the assessment done will receive a free night light.



What to Expect

A staff member from Office For the Aging will visit you at your home and help you conduct a Home Safety Self-Assessment. Applying a user-friendly assessment developed by the University of Buffalo, each room in your home will be evaluated to determine if you are at-risk for falls, and will offer suggestions on how to address them.



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A Home Safety Self-Assessment cannot guarantee that you will not experience an unintentional injury due to a fall. This is a voluntary program sponsored by the Herkimer County Fall Prevention Collaborative.

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