

Assessing the safety of your home

Category	Question	Yes	No	Thoughts or Comments
Layout of the home	Are there any restrictions for health and emergency services and community supports accessing the home?			
	Do stairs inside the home impact care?			
	Where is the person's bedroom located? Is the bathroom on the same level? Does the person's bedroom need to be relocated to the main floor?			
	Where can equipment be stored so it is out of the way? (Wheelchairs, walkers, lifts, etc.)			
	Are ramps needed to external stairs?			
Furnishings and finishes	Are there slippery floors that may be a hazard for the person who is ill or for you as a caregiver?			
	Are there clear pathways around furniture?			
	Are there scatter rugs that are a tripping hazard?			

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Furnishings and finishes	Is there carpet that may make moving a Hoyer or other lift difficult?			
Clutter or other hazards	Is there clutter that affects safety?			
	Are there tripping hazards, such as kids' toys or cords, in traffic areas?			
	Is there unstable furniture, such as a chair that may topple or an unsecured bookcase that may fall?			
	Are there items on counters that may fall?			
Installed safety equipment	Are there grip bars to prevent falls in the shower, bathroom, and bedroom?			
Pets	Are there pets that present a safety issue?			
Weapons	Are there any weapons (or items that could become weapons)?			
Utilities	Are all essential utilities (heat, water, hydro) working?			