



HEALTHY@HOME SAFETY ASSESSMENT Report & Recommendations



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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for inviting us into your home to conduct a Home Safety Assessment.

This report summarizes our findings, identifying any and all observed fall hazards and other areas of concern. It also includes a list of recommended home modifications intended to help minimize the risk of future accidents and best ensure healthy-at-home living for years to come.

In the event that it might be helpful, we've created a [short video for you](#) that summarizes what's contained in the report. It may be helpful to review the video prior to scrolling through this document.

We look forward to following up with you, to answering any immediate questions you might have, and to helping you implement any/all desired modifications.

Congratulations on taking the first step toward a safer, more comfortable and more joyful home environment.

Sincerely,

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I. Summary Assessment

On March 5, 2021 an AyaPlaces home safety specialist, Jonathan Denholtz, conducted a 45-minute virtual tour of your home at [REDACTED]. The tour was conducted online via Zoom, a video-based communication platform that enabled the specialist, working remotely, to visit various rooms and areas of your home.

After the live session, your home safety specialist reviewed the recorded video and completed a comprehensive survey of your home. This survey consists of more than 200 safety points.

Major Findings:

- The home, itself, lends itself well to aging in place. It's a one-story home, with open space, ample hallways and easy access to bedrooms, bathrooms, laundry and kitchen.
- That said, there remains significant opportunity to minimize the risk of falling and other accidents in and around the home. There is also a significant opportunity to improve the visit-ability of the home (i.e., accessibility and comfort) for friends and family members who may have physical challenges.
- Inside the house, particular attention should be paid to upgrading the bathrooms, to addressing slip-prone surfaces (e.g., untreated wooden floors), and to reducing clutter. Opportunities also exist for improving accessibility, safety and comfort in each individual room/area of the home.
- Outside the house, particular attention should be paid to improving accessibility to both the front entrance and the garage entrance. Opportunities also exist for improving the accessibility and safety of both the front porch as well as the back deck and garden.

Below you'll find a detailed list of concerns organized by each room or area of the home. Each concern will be followed by an example of a potential remedy for that concern. At the bottom of this report, you'll also find a section dedicated to "Recommendations" and to "Immediate Next Steps."

II. Observations & Notes

Below is an area-by-area, room-by-room list of simple observations, focusing primarily on identifying any and all opportunities for improving comfort & safety. *Please note that these are baseline observations only and that the line items listed below are not in any order of priority.*

Driveway, Walkway, Front Entrance



- No easy-to-grasp handrail on either side of step up to front door landing/porch
Possible Solution: Add handrail or grab bar
- No railings or barriers to prevent someone stepping off or falling off front porch.
Possible Solution: Add guard rails or restrictive plantings
- No bench or table near front door for resting or setting down packages.
Possible Solution: Add bench or table
- No lever handle on front door.
Possible Solution: Replace handle set
- Front door threshold > 1".
Possible Solution: Install threshold ramp, consider new hardscaping
- No video doorbell.
Possible Solution: Add video doorbell

Notes: Concrete driveway and adjacent walkways to front entrance appear to be in good shape. Insufficient lighting in driveway at night. (e.g., no flood light above garage, no pathway lighting.)

One step up to landing/front porch (~6"). No handrail on either side. Additional stonework for doormat in front of entrance door represents another small step (~2"). Movable 1"-thick doormat sits on top of stonework representing another change. Finally, there's a step up into the house (~3"). Also worth noting: Visitors step through the front door directly onto an unsecured throw rug. Significant rethinking required to mitigate multiple levels and tripping hazards – e.g., handrails/grab bars, modified porch floor level, etc.

Other observations: No guardrails between porch and front garden – significant enough drop-off. No front bench or table for packages. No apparent peephole. No video doorbell.

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III. Prioritized Recommendations

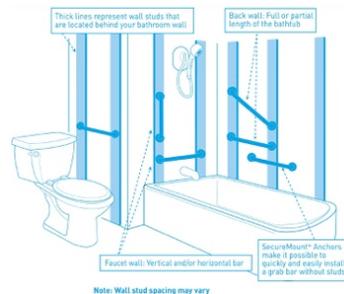
We understand there's a lot to take in here. That's why we've laid out some priorities along with a concrete and realistic plan for you to make home modifications that will significantly minimize your risk and improve safety.

In general, these priorities are informed by national statistics (e.g., where accidents in the home are most likely to happen) as well as what we've learned about you and your home during the assessment process (e.g., physical capabilities of primary occupants, where primary occupants spend most of their time).

PRIORITY 1: MODIFY BATHROOMS

Statistically speaking, 80% of all falls in the home take place here. No surprise perhaps: Water is a slipping hazard and there are lots of hard surfaces! Put in place a plan today to add the following:

Grab bars. As leading home safety experts like to say, "Grab bars are the new safety belts." Make this a top priority by purchasing and installing multiple grab bars in and around both the shower/tub area and toilet area.



Automated lighting. Visibility is critical, particularly as eyesight diminishes with age. Make sure there's ample overhead and vanity lighting. Moreover, make sure that motion-detecting lights and light switches are added, along with nightlights – both in the bathroom and on the pathway to the bathroom.



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IV. Immediate Next Steps

Conducting a home safety assessment is just the first step toward creating a safer and more comfortable home environment that will last a lifetime. Now it's time to take action.

The entire team at AyaPlaces is here to help. **Please stay tuned for an email from me to schedule your follow-up call.** During our follow-up call, we'll answer any immediate questions you have. To the extent desired, we'll also help guide you with regard to any and all product purchases and installation services.

I'm looking forward to reconnecting soon.

Thanks Jane!

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