

Rail & Landing

Grab bars, handrails, railings and ramps

Home check list: stairs, entrances and bathrooms

Use this list to walk through a house together and note what you might change. It is about the house, not the person. Tick what is already in place.

Indoor stairs

- ☐ There is a handrail on both sides of each stair.
- ☐ Each handrail runs the full length of the stair, from the bottom step to the top step.
- ☐ Each handrail is firm when you pull on it, with no movement at the brackets.
- ☐ A hand can close around each rail.
- ☐ The edge of each step is easy to see.
- ☐ Carpet and treads are fixed down, with no loose edges.
- ☐ The stairs are clear of stored items.

Front entrance and steps

- ☐ There is a handrail beside the front steps, on at least one side.
- ☐ The handrail extends past the top and bottom steps.
- ☐ The railing posts are solid, and the concrete around them is not cracked.
- ☐ A porch or landing more than about 60 cm above the ground has a guard along its open sides.
- ☐ There is a place near the door to set down bags while you find your keys.
- ☐ The door sill is low enough to step over easily, or a threshold ramp is in place.
- ☐ Number of front steps: _____

Bathroom

- ☐ There is a grab bar beside the toilet.
- ☐ There is a grab bar on the wall where you step into the tub or shower.
- ☐ There is a grab bar on the long wall of the tub or shower.
- ☐ Grab bars are firm and fixed into the wall, not held by suction cups.
- ☐ Towel bars are not being used as grab bars. Towel bars are not made to carry a person's weight.
- ☐ There is a place to sit in the shower, or a tub seat, if one is wanted.
- ☐ Wall type around the tub or shower: tile, fibreglass or acrylic surround, or other: _____

Lighting

- ☐ There is a light switch at the top and at the bottom of each stair.
- ☐ The front steps are lit at night.
- ☐ There is a night light on the way from the bedroom to the bathroom.

We do not do electrical work ourselves. A new switch or outdoor light is done by a licensed electrical contractor, priced as its own line.

Notes

Next step

Send us photos of the items you would like to change and we reply with a written price. Call [437-981-2080](tel:437-981-2080) or use the [photo quote form](#). See our [prices](#).

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