

# Home SAFE Initiative



## 5. Fire Safety, Steps and Doorways

The following checklist can help older adults increase the security in their home:

- Inside and outside door handles and locks are easy to operate.
- Windows are easily opened from the inside but have secure locks that can prevent someone from entering from the outside.
- Install 10yr battery Smoke Detectors
- Install CO2 Detectors if you burn wood, gas, kerosene or fuel oil.
- Door thresholds have been removed or are low and beveled.
- Extension cords do not carry more than their proper load, and cords are placed out of the traffic flow and are not underneath rugs and furniture.
- Steps and entrances have non slip surfaces.
- Steps and porches are repaired and well lit.
- Sturdy handrails securely attached on both sides of steps.
- Thresholds are zero entrance or beveled.

## Falls Are Preventable.



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