Home Safety Checklist

EXTERIOR	YES	NO
Do all your entrances have an outdoor light?		
Do your outdoor stairs, pathways, or decks have railings and provide good traction?		
Are the front steps and walkways around your house in good repair and free of clutter, obstacles, snow, or leaves?		
If applicable, can you reach your mailbox safely and easily?		
Are there any dead trees or tree limbs that could break and cause damage, especially near power lines or the rooftop?		
Is the number of your house clearly visible from the street and well-lit at night?		
Can all doors and windows leading to the exterior lock securely?		
Is there proper drainage to prevent flooding?		
Is all outdoor play equipment free from rust, splinters, and sharp edges?		
Are all parts of outdoor play equipment securely fastened?		

INTERIOR	YES	NO
Are all doors and windows in good working order?		
Are all floors in good condition to prevent injuries? Check for holes, corners lifting up, and potential for splinters.		
Are all rooms and hallways in your home well-lit?		
Are all throw rugs and mats secured in place to reduce the risk of slipping?		
Are there any nails in the walls that should be removed?		

Is there any evidence of mold? Musty smell, black/white powder or fuzzy growths, and excessive moisture may indicate mold.		
Is there any evidence of a rodent or insect infestation?		
STAIRS	YES	NO
Are all stairways well-lit?		
Are there light switches at the top and bottom of all stairways?		
Are the stairs in good shape?		
Do the steps of the stairs have a non-skid surface?		
Are there secure handrails on both sides of the stairway?		
KITCHEN	YES	NO
Is there appropriate lighting over the stove and sink?		
Does every component of the stove work? Look for burners, fans, timers, etc.		
Is there a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, mounted on a wall away from the stove?		
Are there any cords or wires that could cause an injury? I.e. tripping or electrical damage.		
Are all cupboards easy to open?		
Are kitchen counters in good condition?		
Is the kitchen sink and drain free of mold or bacteria build up?		
Are there sufficient outlets for all appliances?		

BATHROOM	YES	NO
Are there non-slip surfaces in the tub/shower?		
Is there a bath mat next to the tub or shower that is secured to prevent slipping?		
Are there properly placed and anchored grab bars in the shower, bathtub, and near the toilet?		
Is there a night light in the bathroom?		
Does the bathroom door have an emergency release?		
Is the floor area around the toilet and tub free of rotting and mold?		
Is there a proper ventilation system in place?		
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BEDROOM	YES	NO
Is there a light switch near the entrance of the room?		
Is there a lamp or light switch near the bed?		
Is there a clear path from the bed to the bathroom or emergency escape routes?		
FIRE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	YES	NO
Is there a smoke detector on every floor?		
Is there a carbon monoxide detector present?		
Is there a clear escape route in the apartment building?		
Are any heaters present placed away from flammable substances?		
Has there been a recent inspection of wiring, fuse box, electrical cords and appliances?		

* If you have a pool or a pool nearby, exercise extreme caution. Ensure the pool is off-limits to children through the use of safety devices on doors and a very high latch on the pool gate.