

Home Safety

Everyday objects in the home can become hazardous for a person living with dementia because of sensory changes and disease progression. With adjustments, many people living with dementia can stay safe in their homes.

Evaluate the home for potential hazards:

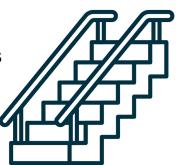
 Look around for cleaning supplies, chemicals, medications, and poisonous plants (contact the National Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 for more information).



- Check the home for any potential slip, trip, and fall hazards such as throw rugs, small pieces of furniture, extension cords, and clutter.
- Be sure to keep the home well-lit.

Stairs:

- Eliminate the need to use by installing door locks or safety gates.
- · Install railings.
- Put colored electrical tape on the edge of the steps.
- Consider adding safety grip steps.



Cooking:

 Turn off the gas when the stove is not in use and/or remove knobs from the stovetop.



Bathrooms:

- Install grab bars in the shower, tub, and toilet area.
- Consider installing a walk-in-shower and a handheld showerhead.



Water Heater:

- Set the temperature to 120 degrees to prevent burns.
- · Label hot and cold faucets.



