

Aging in Place Home Modifications

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Aging in Place

Physical Disabilities

- Hearing
- Vision
- Sense of touch and dexterity
- Strength and range of motion
- Mobility and agility
- Balance and coordination

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Why is Home Modification Important?

1. Make Life Easier and Better
2. Home Safety
3. Cost Effective
4. More Care Being Given at Home

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Common Areas

Entryways



Bathrooms



Stairways



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Home Modification Checklist

- R**emove
- E**nhance
- M**odify
- A**ccessorize
- I**nstall
- N**otice

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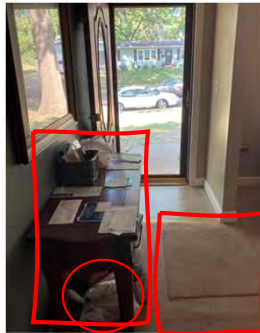
- Clutter
- Furniture
- Tripping Hazards
- Electrical Cords
- Heavier and frequently used items

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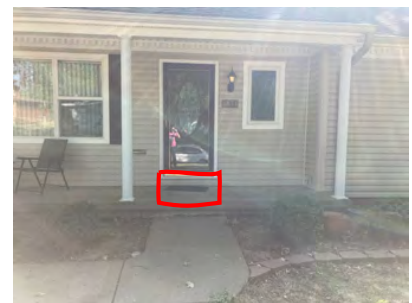


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- Safety at night
- Navigation
- Bathing Safety

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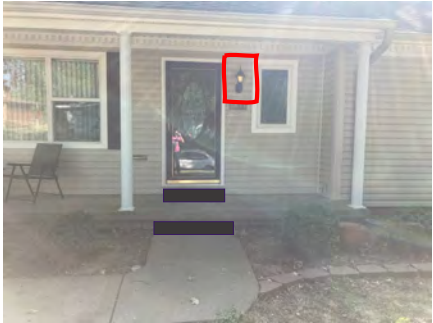
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- Toilet, bath tubs, showers
- Light switches
- Door and faucet handles
- Doorways

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- Emergency alert system
- Bell on a small dog or cat
- Added seating for dressing and cooking prep
- Smart home device

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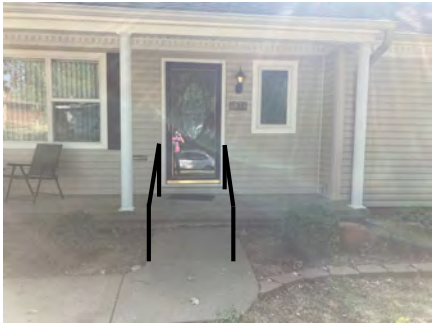
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- Handrails
- Grab bars
- Anti-scald device

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- After modifications are made
- Needs change over time

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Who can help?



Johnson County Area Agency on Aging
Publication
Website:
jocogov.org/departments/aging-and-human-services/johnson-county-area-agency-aging/area-agency-aging-publications

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Who can help?



Website: thrivehomesllc.com

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**Johnson County
Housing Services**
HOME Program
Website:
jocogov.org/department/housing-services

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Who can help?



The Whole Person

- Home Modification Program

Website:
thewholepersonorg/other-services/home-modifications
Phone: 913-871-4188

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Who can help?

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) Program
- Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) and Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) Grants
- Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) Grants

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Education: Publications and Checklists

Simple Home Modification for Aging in Place Fact Sheet

<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3058.pdf>

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https://www.Wichita.edu/acadmeics/academic_affairs/ria/research.php#falling-links

Home Safety Checklist

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