

## Home Safety for People with Alzheimer's Disease

### Home Safety Room by Room

Prevention begins with a safety check of every room in your home. Use the following room-by-room checklist to

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- **Throughout the Home**

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Your home is a personal and precious environment. As you go through this checklist, some of the changes you make

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### **Throughout the Home**

- Display emergency numbers and your home address near all telephones.
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- Install secure locks on all outside doors and windows.

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### **Outside Approaches to the House**

- Keep steps sturdy and textured to prevent falls in wet or icy weather.

### **Entryway**

- Remove scatter rugs and throw rugs.

### **Kitchen**

- Install childproof door latches on storage cabinets and drawers designated for breakable or dangerous items.

## **Bedroom**

- Anticipate the reasons a person with Alzheimer's disease might get out of bed, such as hunger, thirst, going to

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## **Bathroom**

- Do not leave a severely impaired person with Alzheimer's alone in the bathroom.

- Use a night-light.

### **Living Room**

- Clear electrical cords from all areas where people walk.

### **Laundry Room**

- Keep the door to the laundry room locked if possible.

### **Garage/Shed/Basement**

- Lock access to all garages, sheds, and basements if possible.