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# Tips for Bath Safety for Older Adults

One in three older adults will experience at least one fall in their lifetime<sup>1</sup>. 80% of all bathroom injuries are caused by falls<sup>2</sup>. Here are some tips to help prevent bathroom injuries.

### 1) Install grab bars

Securely mount grab bars near the toilet, inside and outside the shower or bathtub to provide support when getting in and out.



#### 2) Non-slip surfaces

Use non-slip mats on the bathroom floor, inside the shower or tub, and outside the bathtub to minimize slipping hazards.



#### (3) Use a shower bench or chair

Consider using a shower chair or bench to sit while showering, especially if balance is a concern.



#### 4) Install a raised toilet seat

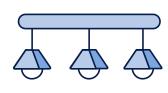
Consider using a raised toilet seat to make standing up easier and to help reduce slips and falls.



- 1. Statistics Canada
- 2. National Institutes of Health

## 5) Proper Lighting

Ensure good lighting throughout the bathroom, including nightlights, to improve visibility and reduce tripping risks.



#### **6** Consider a walk-in shower or tub

If possible, install a walk-in shower or tub with a curbless entry to ease access if balance is a concern.



#### (7) Use technology

Consider getting Lifeline
Medical Alert Service to
access help quickly in
the event of a fall. Our fall
detection technology can
even place a call for help
if you're unable to press
the help button.



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