# Fall Prevention





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## **Did You Know?**

# An older adult falls every second of every day.

Falls are common among older adults, but they aren't a normal part of aging. Our Fall Reduction Program can help you lower your fall risk in the comfort of your own home.

#### Fall Reduction Program Highlights:

• Evidence-based clinical practices so you receive high quality care backed by science

• Interdisciplinary approach that gives you access to a diverse team of professionals who can address your fall risk factors

• Expert care in the home, where 75% of falls happen

• Patient empowerment model that encourages you to take an active role in fall risk prevention.

## How Home Health Care Helps Prevent Falls:

We help to address a range of fall hazards at home, including:

• Musculoskeletal issues – Issues with your muscles, joints, nerves, discs, blood vessels and other parts of your musculoskeletal system

- Visual disturbances Examples include cataracts, glaucoma and vision loss
- Functional and cognitive impairments Examples include memory loss, loss of a limb, or difficulty walking, seeing, hearing or problem-solving

• Chronic conditions – Persistent illnesses such as Parkinson's disease, diabetes and dementia that can affect your balance

• Medications – Sleep aids, certain blood pressure medications and others that may put you off balance

• Home safety – Removing fall hazards like clutter, throw rugs and long electrical cords

## **Fall Prevention Goals:**

We aim to help you:

- Understand your fall risk
- Learn healthy self-care
- Improve your quality of life
- Avoid preventable falls
- Remain safely in your home, with as much independence as possible
- · Reduce expensive hospitalizations

