



# Comprehensive Home Safety Report

Dear Amie,

Thank you for allowing us to conduct a home safety assessment. Our goal is to help you maintain a comfortable, secure, and accessible living environment that supports aging in place. This report highlights key areas that may need attention and provides recommendations to enhance safety and mobility in your home.

Your overall home safety score is **83.85%**, meaning that while your home is generally safe, there are several areas where improvements can make a significant difference in preventing falls and improving accessibility.

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## Key Areas for Improvement & Recommendations

### 1. Entryways & Outdoor Areas

Your home's exterior is the first point of safety. We identified several concerns that, if addressed, will improve accessibility and security.

- **Uneven driveway and walkway transitions:** These create tripping hazards. We recommend resurfacing the driveway and walkways to ensure a smooth transition between surfaces.
- **No handrails on outdoor steps:** Adding sturdy handrails will provide better support when navigating the stairs.
- **Poor outdoor lighting near garbage and recycling areas:** Installing motion-sensor lighting will improve nighttime visibility and security.
- **No decals on glass sliding doors:** Applying decals at eye level will help prevent accidental collisions.

### 2. Hallways & Staircases

Moving around safely within the home is essential. We noticed:

- **Inadequate lighting in some hallways and staircases:** Installing brighter or motion-activated lights will increase visibility.
- **Top and bottom steps not highlighted:** Adding contrasting tape or stair lighting will reduce the risk of missteps.

- **Some stairs lack proper handrails:** Securing handrails on both sides will provide additional support.

### 3. Bathrooms

Bathrooms are high-risk areas for slips and falls, and a few key changes can make a big difference.

- **Slippery flooring when wet:** We recommend installing non-slip mats or replacing the flooring with a textured, non-slip surface.
- **No grab bars near the toilet and shower:** Adding grab bars will provide much-needed support and reduce the risk of falls.

### 4. Kitchen

The kitchen should be a safe and functional space.

- **No fire extinguisher available:** We strongly recommend adding one in an easily accessible location.
- **Glass cookware not being used:** Switching to glass cookware can improve visibility when cooking.
- **Stove controls positioned at the back:** A stove with front-facing controls will prevent reaching over hot surfaces, reducing the risk of burns.

### 5. Bedrooms

Your bedroom should be a comfortable and safe retreat.

- **No support for getting in and out of bed:** Installing a bedside grab bar or bed assist rail will make movement easier.
- **Assistive walking devices (cane, walker, wheelchair) not within reach:** Keeping these near the bed ensures they are accessible when needed.

### 6. General Safety Concerns

There are some additional safety improvements to consider:

- **No emergency exit plan:** Creating and practicing a fire escape plan will enhance preparedness.
  - **No fire extinguisher in the home:** Having a fire extinguisher in key areas (kitchen, garage, and main living space) is essential for fire safety.
  - **Electrical appliances left plugged in when not in use:** Unplugging small appliances (hair dryers, toasters, etc.) when not in use can help prevent electrical hazards.
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## Prioritized Action Plan

To make it easier to address these safety concerns, we have categorized them based on urgency:

### ✔ High Priority (Immediate Action)

- Fix uneven walkways and driveway to prevent trips and falls.
- Install grab bars in the bathroom and near the toilet.
- Improve lighting in hallways, staircases, and outdoor areas.
- Add handrails to all steps and staircases for better support.
- Place a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and key areas.

### ● Medium Priority (Next 3-6 Months)

- Install non-slip flooring in the bathroom.
- Secure or remove rugs that may cause tripping hazards.
- Upgrade stove controls to front-facing for easier access.
- Add decals to sliding glass doors to prevent accidents.
- Keep assistive walking devices within reach of the bed.

### ● Low Priority (6-12 Months)

- Implement an emergency exit plan for the household.
- Ensure all small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- Upgrade to motion-sensor lighting for convenience and security.

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## Next Steps

Your home is already a wonderful space, and with these adjustments, it can be even safer and more comfortable for years to come. If you'd like, we can assist in coordinating these improvements.

Let us know how you'd like to proceed, and we'll be happy to support you in making your home as secure and accessible as possible.

**Your safety and well-being are our top priority!**

Best regards,

**Silver Breeze Construction**