

# **Home Safety & Accessibility Checklist**

#### Is Your Home Ready for Your Future?

Use this room-by-room guide to identify potential hazards and discover how small changes (or a professional remodel) can help you stay in your home longer and more safely.

## The Bathroom (High-Risk Zone)

- [] **Tub Access:** Do you have to step over a high tub wall? (*Solution: Low-threshold shower or walk-in tub.*)
- [] **Slip Hazards:** Is the flooring slippery when wet? (*Solution: Non-slip textured flooring.*)
- [] **Support:** Are you using towel racks for balance? (*Danger: Towel racks are not weight-bearing. Solution: ADA-compliant grab bars.*)
- [] **Toilet Height:** Is the toilet too low, making it difficult to stand up? (*Solution: Comfort-height toilet.*)

### **Q** The Kitchen

- [] Counter Height: Do you find yourself leaning or getting fatigued while prepping food? (Solution: Lowered or multi-height countertops.)
- [] **Reach:** Are frequently used items on high shelves or deep in bottom cabinets? (Solution: Pull-down shelving and pull-out cabinet drawers.)
- [] Lighting: Are there dark shadows over your prep areas? (Solution: Under-cabinet LED task lighting.)
- [] **Faucets:** Are the knobs difficult to turn with stiff hands? (*Solution: Lever-style or touchless faucets.*)



- [] **The Stairs:** Are the stairs becoming a barrier to accessing the second floor? (*Solution: Residential elevator or chair lift.*)
- [] **Thresholds:** Are there "lips" or raised dividers between rooms? (Solution: Flushmount thresholds to prevent trips.)
- [] **Doorways:** Are doors at least 32-36 inches wide to accommodate a walker or wheelchair? (*Solution: Widening doorways or using swing-clear hinges.*)
- [] **Lighting:** Is the path from the bedroom to the bathroom well-lit at night? (*Solution: Motion-sensor floor lighting.*)

## Exterior & Entry

- [] **Step-Free Entry:** Is there at least one entrance to the home without steps? (*Solution: Professional ramp or graded walkway.*)
- [] **Visibility:** Is the porch and driveway bright enough to see clearly after dark? (*Solution: Dusk-to-dawn exterior lighting.*)

#### **How Broadcreek Can Help**

If you checked off more than three boxes, it may be time for a professional consultation. We specialize in turning these "hazards" into seamless, beautiful home features.

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