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Steps to Home Safety

When our parents grow older, we are often not as vigilant about home safety as we should be — until there's an accident. Here are three steps to take to avoid an unnecessary crisis:

- Conduct a Home Safety Inspection.**
- Take care of the basics.** Even before you complete a safety inspection, you can begin to create a safer environment for your aging parent by eliminating household clutter and by making a few minor modifications.
- Budget accordingly.** Costs for home safety modification can be relatively inexpensive, if you are able to stick to the basics. The following are examples of modifications that, if needed, will increase your costs:
 - a. grab bars in bathrooms
 - b. hand rails on both sides of stairwells
 - c. entryway leveling