# Home Safety And Accessibility Checklist

Accessibility **looks different for different people** – use this list as a baseline and consult your doctor for tailored suggestions.

Monitoring Systems

- [ ] Check or install smoke and CO_2 detectors
- [ ] Test the doorbell functionality
- [ ] Consider low sound/vision warnings
- [ ] Install temperature-controlled water heating limits
- [ ] Install a remote-access security system
- [ ] Adapt front door peephole to correct height
- [ ] Place your wireless phone(s) in convenient locations
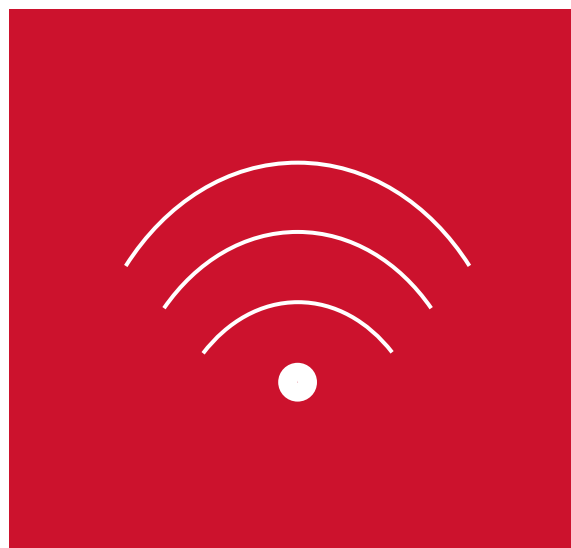
Electrical And Other Elements

- [ ] Install accessible switches, outlets and controls
- [ ] Install remote versions where needed
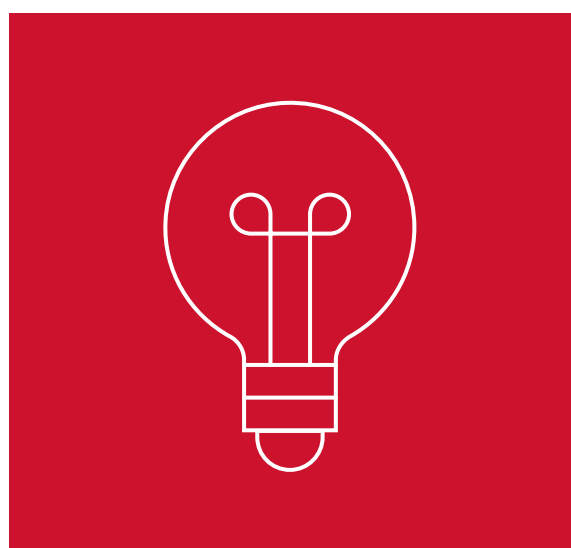
- [ ] Get your HVAC system inspected and serviced
- [ ] Ground outlets and check for faulty wiring
- [ ] Cover exposed wire or plumbing
- [ ] Tether loose extension cords
- [ ] Clear pathways to utilities

Bathroom

- [ ] Adjust countertop, mirror and toilet heights
- [ ] Create a roll-in shower if needed
- [ ] Install a transfer seat, shower seat and/or bathtub bench
- [ ] Install handrails for tub, toilet and shower
- [ ] Anchor non-slip mats securely
- [ ] Round countertop corners and cover exposed pipes
- [ ] Adapt or relocate toilet paper holder

Kitchen

- [ ] Adjust countertop height and knee clearance
- [ ] Adjust appliances, switches and outlets

- [ ] Install pull-out cabinet features
- [ ] Install easy-to-grab cabinet handles
- [ ] Consider contrasting-colored countertops
- [ ] Create open countertop space
- [ ] Place step stools or handrails where necessary

Entrances, Stairs And Halls

- [ ] Create proper clearance in walkways
- [ ] Patch up any uneven ground surfaces
- [ ] Add a non-slip surface finish to walkways
- [ ] Trim foliage for visibility
- [ ] Install ramps and handrails where necessary
- [ ] Ensure the knobs and locks are accessible
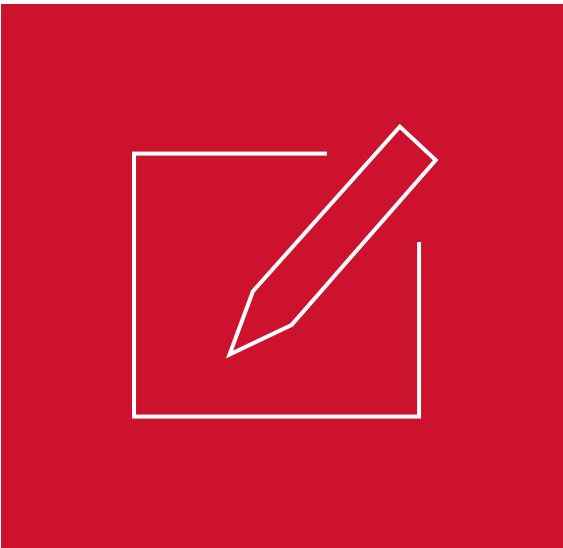- [ ] Add color contrasts on any steps or lips
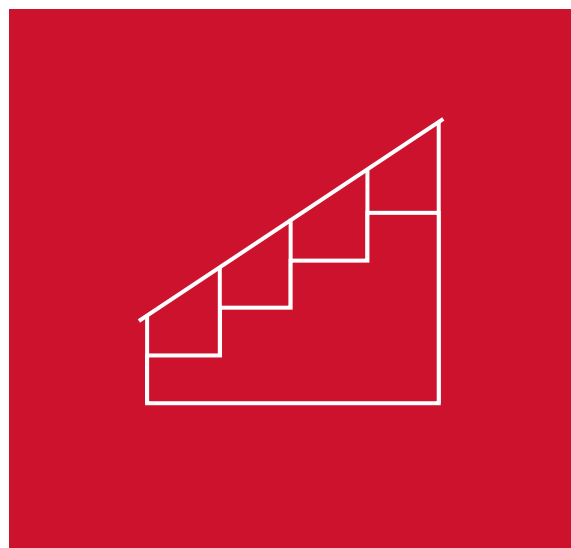
Other Living Spaces

- [ ] Secure area rugs or mats
- [ ] Add risers to furniture if needed
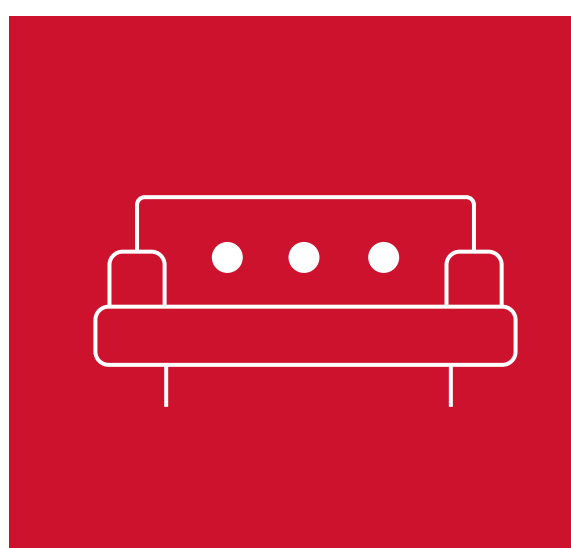
- ☐ Install proper lighting
- ☐ Rearrange furniture for accessibility
- ☐ Test window height and lock functions
- ☐ Adjust washer and dryer placement
- ☐ Improve storage and storage access

Miscellaneous

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