GENERAL
☐ Make sure the numerals for your address are clearly visible from the street.
☐ Keep important phone numbers – including police, fire, poison control and emergency services near the telephone, and be sure to write in large, easy-to-read print.
☐ Water leaks can cause serious damage to your home and your health – identify the cause of any leak and fix it promptly.
☐ Have your gutters and downspouts checked once a year to ensure they are clean and free of obstructions.
☐ Set your water heater no hotter than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
☐ Keep low coffee tables, magazine racks, footrests and plants out of walkways.
☐ Remove old throw rugs and install a non-slip pad.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY
☐ Do not place cords where they can be a tripping hazard and never place cords under rugs or carpets.
☐ Do not drape cords over space heaters, radiators or other hot surfaces.
☐ If possible, avoid using extension cords.
☐ Use safety plugs to cover unused electrical outlets.
☐ Never overload outlets, extension cords or power strips.
☐ Install ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) electrical receptacles in kitchen and bathrooms.

FIRE SAFETY
☐ Have a plan for escape in case of a home fire that all occupants understand, making special considerations for small children and older home occupants.
☐ Have an ABC-rated fire extinguisher on every floor of the house, especially in or near the kitchen.
☐ Be sure that everyone in the house knows how to properly operate fire extinguishers.
☐ Have your furnace checked once a year.
☐ Have your chimney and flue inspected once a year.
☐ Never leave a space heater, halogen lamp or open flame unattended. Do not keep any of these items close to curtains or other flammable materials.
☐ Make sure that all lamps and fixtures are equipped with bulbs having wattage equal to or less than the manufacturer’s suggestion.

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
☐ Have an operating smoke and/or carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your home.
☐ Check batteries twice a year (when daylight savings time changes) and replace as needed.
☐ If anyone in your home is hearing impaired, be sure that the smoke detectors in your home alert using lights or vibrations, as well as sound.

KITCHEN
☐ Be sure to have sturdy step stools and ladders on hand. Do not use a chair to reach high surfaces of your home.
☐ Store flammable items away from your stovetop or range: Do not place rags or towels on the oven handle.
☐ Store plastic utensils and pot holders away from hot surfaces.
☐ Do not wear loose fitting clothing while cooking.
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☐ Do not place anything on top of a plugged-in electric blanket.
☐ Place nightlights in bedrooms and hallways to guide you in the dark.

HALLS AND ENTRYWAYS
☐ Make sure that all windows and doors to the outside close and lock securely.
☐ Keep keys to internal door locks close to the door and easily accessible.
☐ Keep hallways clear for easy passage in case of an emergency.
☐ Place locks where all members of the household can reach and use them.
☐ Be sure that any walkways to the house are free of tripping hazards.
☐ Widen doorways to accommodate household members who use a walker or wheelchair.

STAIRS
☐ Stairs should be well-lit with switches at both the top and bottom of a stairway.
☐ Do not store anything on the steps – even temporarily.
☐ Do not place loose area rugs at the top or bottom of stairways.
☐ Install handrails on both sides of any stairway.

BATHROOMS
☐ Keep electric devices away from bathtubs and sinks.
☐ Keep towels and washcloths away from heaters.
☐ Install grab bars in bathrooms and elsewhere as needed.
☐ Install and/or use the exhaust fan when bathing or showering to avoid moisture build up.
☐ Install a non-slip mat or textured adhesive strips on the floor of your shower or bathtub.
☐ Modify your toilets, sinks and bathtubs as needed to make them easier and safer to use.
☐ Keep first aid supplies well stocked and easily accessible.

BASEMENT/LAUNDRY ROOM
☐ Clean the clothes dryers’ lint trap after each use
☐ Make sure you never run the dryer when no one is home.
☐ Do not leave clutter on the floor – it is both a fire and a tripping hazard.
☐ Make sure the dryer vents outside with metal duct and unobstructed air flow.
☐ Make sure water heaters, furnaces and space heaters that produce carbon monoxide vent outside.