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Home Safety Devices



Reacher

Purpose: Retrieve items at various heights safely. Avoid leaning too far forward, which increases the likelihood of a fall.



Dressing aides:

Purpose: Assist in getting on shoes and socks, pulling up pants. Avoid leaning too far forward, which increases the likelihood of a fall.

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Bedside Commode:

Purpose: Toileting can be completed at the bedside. Avoids need for ambulation to bathroom especially at night. Should be place up against a wall, if possible, and right next to the bed.

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Bedrails:

Purpose: Assists with getting into and out of bed. Prevents rolling out of bed.

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Over the Bed Table:

Purpose: Provides a surface to eat off of when in bed or perform other bed based ADLs (grooming, sponge bath)

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Std. Cane



Std. Walker



Wide Based Quad Cane

Ambulation Devices

Purpose: Assist patients in ambulation due to decreased strength and/or balance

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Rollator



Walker Basket

Ambulation Devices

Purpose: Assist patients in ambulation due to decreased strength and/or balance

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Bathroom Equipment

Tub Grab Bar

Purpose: Assist with transfers into/out of tub

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Shower/Tub bench

Purpose: Provide surface for sitting while in tub or shower



Shower-All

Purpose: Hand held showerhead allows for one-handed washing of hard to reach areas

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Long Handled Sponge

Purpose: Reach hard to wash areas without bending too far forward

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Non-Skid Matt

Purpose: Provide non-slip surface while entering/exiting tub



Raised Toilet Seat

Purpose: Easier for patient to go from sit to stand

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Toilet Frame

Purpose: Easier for patient to go from sit to stand



Raised Toilet Seat with Frame

Purpose: Easier for patient to go from sit to stand

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Grab Bars

Purpose: Assist with transfers and ambulation-on/off toilet, standing at sink, in/out of tub.

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