Assistance for home safety modifications overview

Many unintentional injuries that occur in the home could be prevented with appropriate home safety modifications such as installing grab bars in a shower or rails along both sides of staircases.

Older adults in particular are vulnerable to injuries such as falls, and assistance that enables them to make even modest changes can have a substantial impact on their well-being. People with disabilities also benefit from modifications that make their home more accessible and safe. For example, users of mobility assistive devices such as canes or wheelchairs would benefit from wider doorways and installation of a chair lift if their home has stairs.

Many cities and counties offer assistance that enables eligible households to make home safety modifications. This assistance is usually provided in the form of grants, loans, and/or in-kind assistance.