

FALL FACTS:

- One out of four older adults (those aged 65 or older) falls each year, but less than half talk to their healthcare providers about it.
- Every half hour an older adult dies as the result of a fall.
- Most falls occur at home.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU STAY SAFE IN YOUR HOME!

RISK FACTORS:

- Over 65 years of age
- Poor balance and strength
- Taking 5 or more prescription medications
- Vision impairments
- Environmental hazards

PLEASE CALL FALL PREVENTION COORDINATOR Julianna Eusanio at (805) 477-7342 or email fall.prevention.program@ventura.org for more information on how we can help you.



TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER:

- □ Remove tripping hazards (i.e. shoes, papers, pet toys)
- □ Home modifications (i.e. grab bars)
- □ Use non-slip rubber mats in tub or shower.
- □ Remove throw rugs or tape them in place.
- □ Move furniture and clutter to create clear pathways.
- □ Increase lighting.

TO HELP YOURSELF PREVENT FALLING:

- □ Stay as physically active as you can build your balance, strength and flexibility
- $\hfill\square$ Review your medications with your healthcare provider
- Keep your healthcare providers informed of any falls or hospital visits
- Get your vision checked regularly and update your eyeglasses when needed
- Keep your family and friends informed ask for help when you need it

HOW CAN THE FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM HELP?

- Home Safety Assessments
- Information, Resources and Referrals
- Education
- Workshops and Presentations
- Advocacy

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If you check off these items, you will make yourself and your home safer right away!

hat can you do?