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Don't Fall!

Tips for you



Wear shoes, not slippers





When you stand up, don't rush







Put your hands on a surface.

Put one foot flat on the floor



Lean forward and stand



Sit and rest, then tell someone you have fallen

Try to



Roll onto your side and sit up



Use a stick or frame if needed

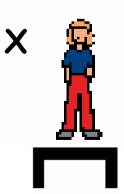


When you walk, don't rush





Turn onto your knees and crawl to the nearest furniture

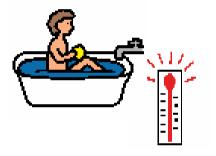


Do not stand on stools or other objects

More Tips!



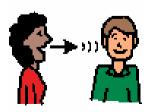
Drink plentyespecially on hot days



Don't have your bath too hot



Have your eyes checked regularly



If you fall, tell a doctor or a friend

If you fall



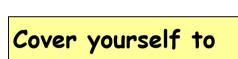
Rest

Are you hurt?



NO

Try to



Keep changing positions

keep warm

If the floor gets wet, move away from the damp area

Carers - deal quickly with



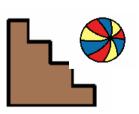
Loose carpets



Spills



Cables lying



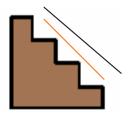
Things on the floor or on the stairs



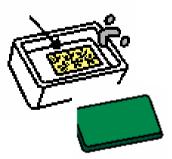
To make the home safer......



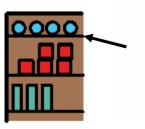
Ask an Occupational Therapist for advice on aids or adaptations



Install a second banister



Make sure bath mats and rails are used





Do not store everyday objects above head height

If you fall



Rest

Are you hurt?

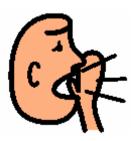


YES

You could



Bang on the wall



Call for help