

The Senior Safety Program

In Clermont County the focus of the *Senior Safety Program* is injury prevention. To help reduce the risk of injury this program offers:

Home Safety Checks for Clermont County residents 65 and older. A local fire/EMS department or other agency will visit your home and perform free safety checks to identify potential in-home safety hazards. Advice is offered on eliminating hazards to protect yourself against possible injury.

Safety Aids such as free grab bars and installation to Clermont County residents along with other needed safety aids are available, when you receive a home safety check.

Educational Presentations by healthcare professionals can offer a formal or interactive game to any interested organization which addresses the issues of falls, fires and medication management.

For more information on what you can do to eliminate hazards in your home and to schedule an in-home safety evaluation or a senior safety presentation contact:

Clermont County Health District
Nursing Division
(513) 735-8400

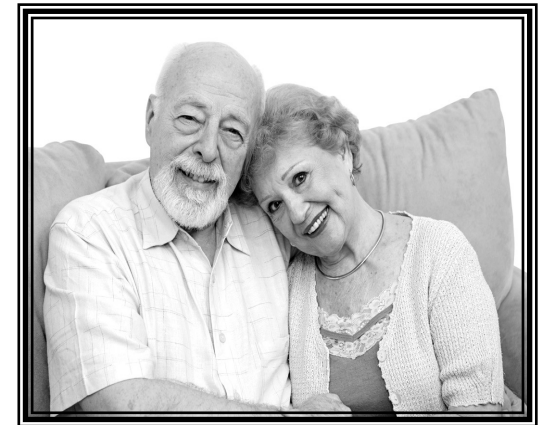
Or

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Dedicated to reducing
in-home injuries to older
residents of
Clermont County.

Injury and Older Adults

Each year, many older adults are injured in or around the home.

Most home injuries are the result of hidden hazards that are easily overlooked, but easy to fix.



By identifying these hazards and taking steps to correct them, many injuries might be prevented.



The three leading causes of in-home injuries for seniors have been identified as falls, fires/ burns and medication interactions.

Falls are the leading cause of home injury and related death among older adults. Every year an average of nearly 5,000 Americans age 65 and older dies as the result of a fall-related injury at home.

Home fire injuries are the second leading cause of home injury death for adults age 65 and older and the rate of fire injury increases with age.

Older adults are more likely to suffer from vision loss, hearing loss and limited mobility, making them more susceptible to start a fire and less likely to be able to escape once a fire starts.

Medication poisoning, such as taking too much or having adverse interactions, is the third leading case of unintentional injury-related death in the home among older adults. Taking the wrong medication is one of the key causes of poisoning among older adults.



The *Senior Safety Coalition*, coordinated through the Clermont County Health District, is comprised of a dedicated group of Clermont County agencies such as: local fire/EMS departments, Senior Services, Community Services, Cincinnati Association for the Blind and other various community organizations. The goal of the coalition is to reduce the incidence of in-home injuries. To meet this goal the *Senior Safety Coalition* has created the *Senior Safety Program*.