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5 Steps to Fall Prevention

1. Address any risk factors you may have for falling.

- a. Look at all medications and learn their side effects.
 Look for things such as muscle pain, weakness or vertigo.
- b. Have you fallen before? This may increase your risk.
- c. Do you have any other conditions that may cause you to become suddenly weak, out of breath or dizzy?

2. Strategically choose your path of movement.

a. Find a path that has less loose carpet and watch for doorways that may have raised flooring.

3. Wear the right shoes

a. Use athletic shoes that are comfortable, but have good traction.



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4. Exercise to stay in shape (want it to be somewhat challenging and work on balance)

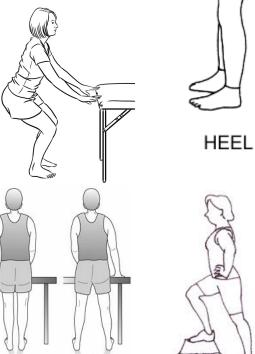
a. Heel to toe walking

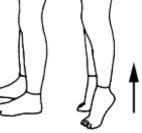
b. Heel raise

c. Mini-Squats

d. Side stepping

e. Step up





HEEL RAISES



5. Learn proper sitting and standing

techniques

- a. Sit to stand exercise (bend forward, push straight up)
- b. Have railing or sturdy support to hold onto otherwise
- c. Movement is important to staying loose