

<b>Service Name</b>	Home Injury Control
<b>Service Number</b>	B-3
<b>Service Category</b>	In-Home
<b>Service Definition</b>	Providing adaptations to the home environment to prevent or minimize the occurrence of injuries to older adults. Home injury control does not include any structural or restorative home repair, chore, or homemaker activities.
<b>Unit of Service</b>	Individuals served
<b>Fund Source</b>	Title III-B

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## Minimum Standards

1. Prior to initiating service, each program must determine whether a potential client is eligible to receive services available through a program supported by other funding sources, particularly programs funded through the Social Security Act. If it appears that an individual can be served through other resources, an appropriate referral should be made.
2. Each program must develop working relationships with chore, homemaker, home care assistance and home repair service providers, as available within the program area, to ensure effective coordination of efforts.
3. Each program is encouraged to utilize evidence-based toolkits and/or resources (i.e. Safe AT HOME Checklist) for fall prevention for older adults.
4. Each program may track key data for home injury control including:
  - Number and type of device(s) placed and/or installed in the home.
  - Total time (in hours) of completing the safety assessment and installing device(s).
5. Each program must utilize a home environment assessment tool to formally evaluate the circumstances and needs of each client.

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6. Allowable home injury control tasks may include any of the following:
  - Completion of a home safety assessment by a licensed professional (e.g., Registered Nurse, Physical Therapist, and/or Occupational Therapist).
  - Minor home safety modifications including installation or maintenance of the following:
    - enhanced lighting including night lights
    - ramps for improved and/or barrier-free access
    - surge protectors
    - shower chair
    - transfer bench
    - raised toilet seat
    - grab bars (including versa frames)
    - handheld shower
    - non-slip treatments
    - vision or hearing adaptive devices
    - stairway and/or hallway handrails
    - smoke, carbon monoxide, and/or gas alarms
    - devices or bars that help with transfer safety to and from bed, chairs, and/or toilet
7. Each program must maintain a record of safety improvements made at each residence including dates, tasks performed, materials used, and cost.
8. All safety devices installed must conform to local building codes and meet respective UL® safety standards.
9. Funds awarded for home injury control may be used for labor costs, allowable tasks, and to purchase safety devices to be installed. The program must establish a limit on the amount to be spent on any one residence in a 12-month period. Each program should seek contributions of labor and supplies from the private sector and volunteer organizations, as may be feasible. Equipment or tools needed to perform home injury control tasks may be purchased or rented with grant funds up to an aggregate amount equal to 10% of total grant funds.