



# Home Repairs and Modifications Checklist

*This is a two-part form. Use Part I to check for ways you can make your home safer and more functional. (Remember that not all of these items will apply to you.) Then, if you decide to hire a contractor or handyman, use Part II as a guide in making a smart selection.*

## Part I: Check for Ways to Make Your Home Safer and More Functional

### Basic home upkeep:

Repair or upgrade . . .

- ✓ roof, gutters
- ✓ stairs, railings
- ✓ plumbing
- ✓ electrical system
- ✓ heating and air conditioning
- ✓ appliances

### Safety improvements:

Reset water heater to 120° or less

Install or upgrade . . .

- ✓ non-slip, non-glare flooring
- ✓ low-pile carpeting
- ✓ handrails on stairs
- ✓ grab bars in bathroom
- ✓ lighting, task-lighting, nightlights
- ✓ view-hole in front door
- ✓ locks or deadbolts on doors and windows

### Accessibility and independence:

Add . . .

- ✓ kitchen easy-grip knobs, pulls
- ✓ rocker or touch-type switches
- ✓ wheelchair or walker access

High Priority	Low Priority	Doesn't Apply

## Rearrange things for one-story living

### Comfort and convenience:

Add . . .

- ✓ low-upkeep landscaping
- ✓ cordless phone
- ✓ automatic garage door opener

### Energy efficiency:

Install . . .

- ✓ storm windows, double-paned windows
- ✓ weather-stripping and other insulation
- ✓ more efficient heating, air conditioning
- ✓ insulation on water heater, pipes
- ✓ more efficient appliances

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## Part II: Checklist for Hiring a Contractor

If you're planning to hire a contractor or handyman, be sure to do your homework first!

- Get recommendations from friends, family, reputable local merchants.
- Make certain the contractor is bonded and licensed.
- Ask for at least three recent customer references, then call each one.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau to make sure the record is clean.
- Get the price, completion date, scope of work, and other details in writing.
- If appropriate, ask for two or more bids, then compare.

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