

# Older Adult Home Modification Program Home Modifications

Feature or System	Examples of OAHMP Maintenance Repair Activities
Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adding or replacing address number so it is visible from the street for emergency responders.</li> </ul>
Building Exterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adding exterior lighting at entrances (to include automatic sensors).</li> <li>• Installing new or adjusting mailbox to make it easier to reach.</li> <li>• Fixing gutters and downspouts if causing safety hazard.</li> </ul>
Exterior walkways and steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placing anti-slip tape or colored tape or paint on surfaces.</li> <li>• Applying directional signage or marking for wayfinding.</li> <li>• Installing handrails on both sides of steps and/or pathways.</li> <li>• Repairing cracked, broken, or uneven pathways (pavement, brick, etc.).</li> <li>• Installing pathway lighting.</li> </ul>
Exterior Windows and Doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing automatic doors or automatic door openers.</li> <li>• Installing magnetic screen door.</li> <li>• Replacing door lock with one that is easier to operate.</li> <li>• Replacing doorknobs with lever-style handles.</li> <li>• Adding or adjusting peephole or viewing panel to correct height for client.</li> <li>• Eliminating trip hazards at entry threshold.</li> <li>• Adjusting windows to make them easier to open and close.</li> <li>• Fixing broken windowpane(s), storm window(s) or damaged entry door.</li> <li>• Adding storm windows or storm doors.</li> </ul>
Interior Walls, Windows, and Ceilings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjusting or replacing hardware for drapes, shades, and/or curtains to make them easier to use.</li> <li>• Building shelf to improve hands-free activity or to improve accessibility.</li> <li>• Patching or mending cracked plaster</li> <li>• Patching or fixing holes or cracks in drywall</li> </ul>
Interior Doors and Hallways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjusting door swings to reverse or remove awkwardness.</li> <li>• Installing door hinge offset or swing clear door hinges.</li> </ul>
Flooring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repairing flooring transitions so there is zero height difference between them.</li> <li>• Repairing floor tile to remove uneven surfaces.</li> <li>• Repairing floors to remove uneven surfaces.</li> </ul>
Interior Stairways (Circulation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing railings.</li> <li>• Replacing broken stair treads or balusters.</li> <li>• Applying adhesive strips with nonslip surface.</li> <li>• Applying adhesive tape or paint to distinguish thresholds and edges.</li> </ul>

<p>Bathroom/ Laundry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing grab bars.</li> <li>• Adding non-skid strips to bathtub or shower floor.</li> <li>• Installing a hand-held or adjustable showerhead.</li> <li>• Installing clamp for handheld shower on wall or grab bar.</li> <li>• Installing curved shower rod.</li> <li>• Installing easy-to-use lever handles rather than knobs or turn handles for the sink, bathtub and shower faucets feature.</li> <li>• Replacing toilet with comfort height model.</li> <li>• Installing pedestal or wall hung sink for wheelchair accessibility.</li> <li>• Insulating exposed pipes beneath the sink to protect against touching a hot pipe.</li> <li>• Cushioning exposed pipes beneath the sink to protect against bumping.</li> <li>• Replacing or adjusting position of bathroom mirror, toilet paper holder, and other accessories to meet client's needs.</li> <li>• Replacing cabinet hardware, such as replacing round knobs with D-shaped handles.</li> <li>• Installing new toilet handles.</li> <li>• Installing toilet riser with handles.</li> <li>• Installing toilet safety frame or rails.</li> <li>• Repairing toilet seats.</li> <li>• Installing wall soap holder.</li> <li>• Repairing wall tile.</li> <li>• Securing rugs with rubber carpet mesh or double-sided rug tape.</li> <li>• Adding risers beneath washing machines and dryers.</li> <li>• Replacing broken medicine cabinet.</li> </ul>
<p>Kitchens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacing cabinet hardware, such as replacing round knobs with D-shaped handles.</li> <li>• Removing or replacing interior of existing cabinetry for easier access (e.g., pull-out drawers and shelves).</li> <li>• Replace faucets with lever-, touch-, or sensor-style faucet.</li> <li>• Install easy-to-use ABC-rated fire extinguisher in an easy-to-reach location.</li> <li>• Install automatic stove turn-off devices.</li> </ul>
<p>Electrical/ Lighting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adding stick-on motion sensor lighting.</li> <li>• Adding task lighting under cabinets and over counters and tables.</li> <li>• Changing light bulbs.</li> <li>• Adding light switches at top and bottom of stairs for safety.</li> <li>• Replacing light switches with safety and accessibility features such as glow in the dark, rocker-style switches, or other easy-to-function switches.</li> <li>• Moving light switches and electrical outlets where they are more accessible to the individual.</li> <li>• Adding ball chain extension to ceiling fan/light.</li> </ul>
<p>HVAC / Plumbing systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacing thermostat with one that has accessibility features.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting home's water heater or replacing its thermostat, to ensure hot water is at or below 120°F to avoid scalding.</li> <li>• Installing pressure-balanced, temperature-regulated sink faucets in kitchen and bath.</li> </ul>
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adding security technology to entrance door.</li> <li>• Installing or replacing doorbell that can be seen or heard by client throughout the house.</li> <li>• Adding or adjusting peephole or viewing panel to correct height for client.</li> <li>• Adding exterior lighting at entrances (to include automatic sensors). Installing secure slide latch or chain inside entrance door.</li> </ul>
Life - Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing GFCI outlet.</li> <li>• Repairing electrical outlets.</li> <li>• Installing smoke, fire and CO detectors.</li> <li>• Installing or replacing doorbell that can be seen or heard by client throughout the house.</li> <li>• Cleaning surface mold.</li> <li>• Lead mitigation.</li> </ul>