



Accessibility of your home

When given the choice between assisted living and remaining in their own home, most people who become disabled or need elder care would rather stay in their house. The simple reason is that your home provides a sense of security, comfort and peace of mind. When faced with a change in lifestyle, improvements can be made to most houses so you can continue to enjoy the comforts of being in your own home.

Alterations to consider

- Hand rails along the walls
- Grab bars in the bathrooms around the commode and in the shower
- Lowered sinks with access underneath to accommodate a wheelchair
- Wheelchair accessible ramps to gain entry into the home
- Handicap-accessible counters in the bathroom and kitchen
- Adjusted switches and plugs to match height level of a wheelchair

There are many resources you can review to help make your house more livable based on your specific lifestyle change. A good place to start is udll.com, the Universal Design Living Laboratory website.

Feeling secure in your home becomes more important when you are disabled or need elder care. Install a centrally monitored fire and burglar alarm system. You

also can add features to your existing alarm system, such as wearable lanyards that enable you to contact a dispatcher in the event of an emergency, and a panic button which will summon aid once activated. Your alarm company can help design the best system to match your unique needs.

Having the right support staff goes a long way in maintaining a good quality of life. It is important to hire professionals who are trained to assist you based on your specific needs. Run a background check and properly screen everyone you hire to provide caregiving services. We have coordinated with Pinkerton to provide background checks of domestic staff at a discount to our policyholders. Please contact your Nationwide Private Client Risk professional or visit pinkerton.com for additional information.

Just because your lifestyle has changed does not mean that you have to give up living in the house that you worked so hard for. By working with the right accessibility designers, caregivers and other related professionals you can remain in the comfort of your own home.

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We offer this information to assist you in making decisions that can help mitigate your risk. While we cannot address every possible scenario or guarantee these tips will work for you, our goal is to support your efforts to protect yourself and your family.

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