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## BASIC HOME SAFETY

### I. PRESCRIPTION AND NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DETERGENTS, ETC.

1. Keep all drugs, chemicals, detergents, paint, etc. in tightly sealed containers out of reach of children. If children are present in the household, medications should have child-resistant caps.
2. Post the telephone number of the nearest Poison Control Center near the telephone.

### II. FLOOR AND FURNISHINGS

1. Keep walkways clear of objects.
2. Keep floors clean and dry.
3. Use adhesives to attach rugs or mats to the floors.

### III. ELECTRICAL SAFETY

1. Do not lay electrical wires across floors, underneath rugs or furniture.
2. All electrical appliances should be inspected regularly for safety.
3. Inspect all wiring for safety. Exposed or frayed wires should be repaired and replaced immediately.

### IV. FIRE

1. Smoke detectors should be tested regularly.
2. Develop an exit plan for all members of the family. Pay special attention to the needs of handicapped members.
3. Do not block exits.
4. Pay close attention while cooking to prevent fires.
5. Do not leave stoves, fireplaces, portable heaters, etc., unattended.
6. Inspect chimneys annually for blockage.

### V. TELEPHONE

1. Post necessary telephone numbers (physicians, HME Specialists, fire, etc.) in a prominent place near the telephone.
2. Know when to use the emergency number 911.

### VI. BATHROOM SAFETY

1. Secure bathroom safety devices.
2. Secure bathroom equipment.
3. Evaluate bath for fire hazards, e.g. space heaters.
4. Use tub mats.
5. Use adhesive to attach rugs or mats to the floor.