



Age in Place Home Modification Program

What is Age in Place? As defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the term **age in place** means “*the ability to live in one’s own home and community safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age, income or ability level*”. Over the next 20-40 years, we are anticipating a “*Silver Tsunami*” and senior homeowners being able to live unassisted in our homes longer will be critical.

Why is the Age in Place Home Modification Program Needed?

- The 85 and older population is projected to increase from 6.5 million in 2022 to 13.7 million in 2040
- A 2020 report by the U.S. Census Bureau estimates only 14% of American homes are “aging ready”
- Many households within the 65 year and over age group are living below the National Poverty Level
- Unintended consequence of living longer, is living with growing, limited mobility
- Each year there are approximately 1 million fall-related hospitalizations among older adults
- Falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injuries
- Loss of memory may be escalated by removing the older adult from a home environment that they know, even the smells in their home can trigger valued memories

What is included in the Age in Place Home Modification?

- **Bathroom Modifications:** Grab bars, comfort height toilet, bath chair/transfer bench, handheld shower head, curb less shower, door opening, threshold removal, etc.
- **House-Wide Modifications:** Door lever handles, non-slip flooring, enhanced lighting, primary bedroom relocation, accessible shelving, assessable home appliances, connectivity to help, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, etc.
- **Entry and Exit Point Modifications:** Wheelchair/walker ramps, accessible stairs, video doorbell, remote intercom, etc.
- **Other Modifications:** Lift chair, stair lift, etc.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Homeowner must be at least 62 years of age
- Applicant must own the home and reside in the home
- Household income of all over the age of 18 years of age in the home must not exceed 80% AMI as defined by HUD Guidelines
- Applicant must be current on their property tax or have a written plan in place with the county



The Restoration Team’s Age in Place Home Modification Home Evaluator has been certified through the National Association of Home Builders.