



Be Safe: Prevent Falls and Drive Safely

There are actions you can take to protect yourself and those you love from harm. Common safety issues include falls and motor vehicle crashes.

- Be Safe: Prevent Falls
http://www.prevention.va.gov/Healthy_Living/Be_Safe_Prevent_Falls.asp
- Be Safe: Prevent Motor Vehicle Crashes
http://www.prevention.va.gov/Healthy_Living/Be_Safe_Prevent_Motor_Vehicle_Crashes.asp
- Safe Driving: Tips for Veterans
http://www.prevention.va.gov/Healthy_Living/Safe_Driving_Tips_for_Veterans.asp
- Be Safe: Driving Safely Whiteboard Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FJdKjt32Kk>
- Be Safe: Preventing Falls Whiteboard Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQqPA4pHaw>

Veterans Health Library

<http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/>

The Veterans Health Library (VHL) offers Veterans, their families and caregivers 24/7 Internet access to comprehensive, Veteran-focused health information that's consistent with VA clinical practice. Its information, resources, and tools are engaging, "Veteran-friendly" and written in plain language VHL helps Veterans understand and manage health problems, make informed health decisions, and actively partner with their health care teams. Items within the VHL on Be Safe: Injury Prevention:

- Preventing Falls: Make Your Health a Priority:
http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Search/142.89339_VA
- Search for falls:
<http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Search/SearchResults.pg?SearchPhrase=falls&SearchType=keyword&SearchOperator=And>

Prevent Falls:

VHA National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS)

NCPS Falls Prevention Toolkit

A variety of resources for staff that includes educating patients, family and staff on falls and fall-injury prevention.

<http://www.patientsafety.va.gov/professionals/onthejob/falls.asp>

Federal Government Resources

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US Department of Health and Human Services

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

Preventing Falls Among Seniors

Find brochures and posters about falls prevention.

<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/pubs.html>



Falls and older adults:

<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/index.html>

STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries)

Toolkit for Health Care Providers:

<http://www.cdc.gov/steady/index.html>

Healthfinder®

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<http://www.healthfinder.gov/>

Specific information related to lowering your risk for falls can be found here:

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/prevention/ViewTopic.aspx?topicID=17>

For preventing falls in children, go to:

<http://www.safekids.org/safety-basics/safety-resources-by-risk-area/falls/falls-prevention-tips.html> or

<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/children.html>

Safe Driving:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Home Safe, Drive Safe, Stay Safe

This brochure provides information on safe driving for Veterans who recently returned from deployment.

<http://www.mirecc.va.gov/docs/visn6/Readjustment-brochure-driving-color-generic-081511.pdf>

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US Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Learn more about many ways to prevent motor vehicle crashes:

<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/pubs.html>

Learn more about the dangers of distracted driving:

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety>

Motorcycle safety awareness:

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Motorcycle safety:

<http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/mc/index.html>

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Specific information related to safe driving can be found here:

<http://healthfinder.gov/findservices/searchcontext.aspx?topic=14522>