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Home Modifications, Repairs and Ramps

Older adults can maintain their independence and prevent accidents by adapting their homes with modifications and repairs. These changes can range from simple modifications, like adding grab bars in a bathroom or replacing doorknobs with pull handles, to major structural projects such as replacing a stairway with a wheelchair ramp.

It is important to evaluate current and future needs, room by room, before any changes are made to the home. Once all areas have been explored, make a list of potential problems and solutions. If a decision is made to hire a professional contractor, please keep these important tips in mind.

- Confirm the contractor is licensed, bonded, and insured for the specific type of work that you need completed.
- Reach out to the local Better Business Bureau (*BBB of Central and Northwest North Carolina 336.852.4240*) and Chamber of Commerce (*Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce 336.248.5929 or Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce 336.475.6134*) to see if there are any complaints against the contractor on file.
- Communicate with family and friends for recommendations based on their experiences with professional contractors.
- Ask for a written agreement that specifies tasks and timelines.

Local Resources

Helping Hands Community Outreach

Organization that helps seniors in Southern Davidson County with handicapped accessible ramps, and deck/porch repairs.

Phone: 336.460-0831 (Call and leave a message and someone will contact you).

Home Solutions of Davidson County

Home Solutions offers two repair programs to help seniors, disabled and/or veteran homeowners (no rentals) in their time of need. Contact the office and complete an intake to determine qualification for services.

Website: www.homesolutionsdcnc.org

Email: jimmy@homesolutionsdcnc.org

Phone: 336.236.1675

NCBAM (North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry)

NCBAM is dedicated to serving seniors (65 years +) and their families connecting them with church volunteers for help with ramps, grab bars and smoke alarms.

Website: www.ncbam.org

Phone: 877.506.2226

NC Independent Living Rehabilitation Program

The Independent Living Rehabilitation Program (IL) may be able to assist with home modifications if an individual has a significant disability which severely limits their ability to live independently. The home does not have to be owned by the consumer, but the homeowner must give written permission before the modifications can take place.

Qualifications for assistance are also based on income requirements.

Website: www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/disability-services/independent-living-for-people-with-disabilities

Phone: 336.968.3230

NC US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA provides housing repair loans and grants. Home must be located in eligible rural area defined by USDA and household income must meet certain guidelines.

Website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/nc>

Phone: 336.308.1667

Piedmont Triad Regional Council – Housing Rehabilitation Program

Assists eligible individuals whose home needs serious repairs. Income guidelines apply.

Website: www.ptrc.org/services/community-development

Phone: 336.904.0338

*Davidson County Senior Services does not make recommendations for the agencies listed. This list is for informational purposes only; please do not limit yourself to what is provided within this document.

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