

The Room-by-Room HomeFit Tour

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Now it's time to learn about the design elements and safety features that help make a home livable for everyone.

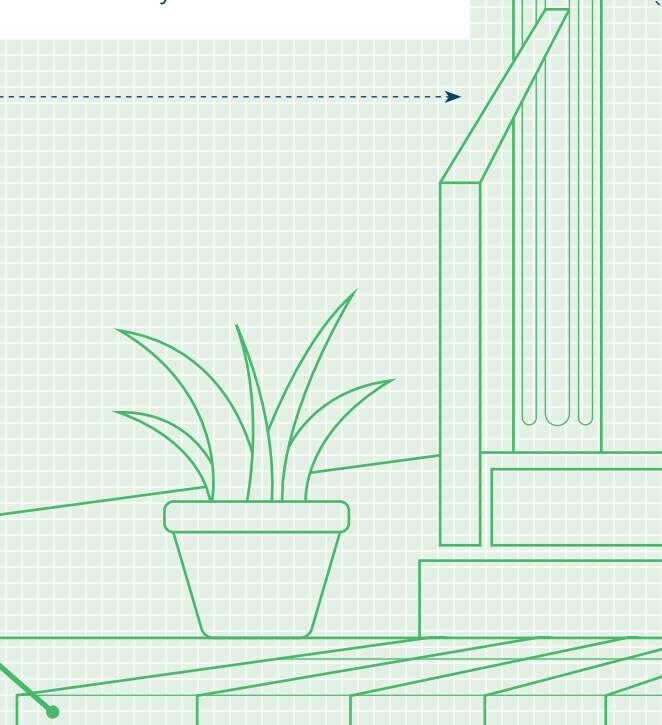
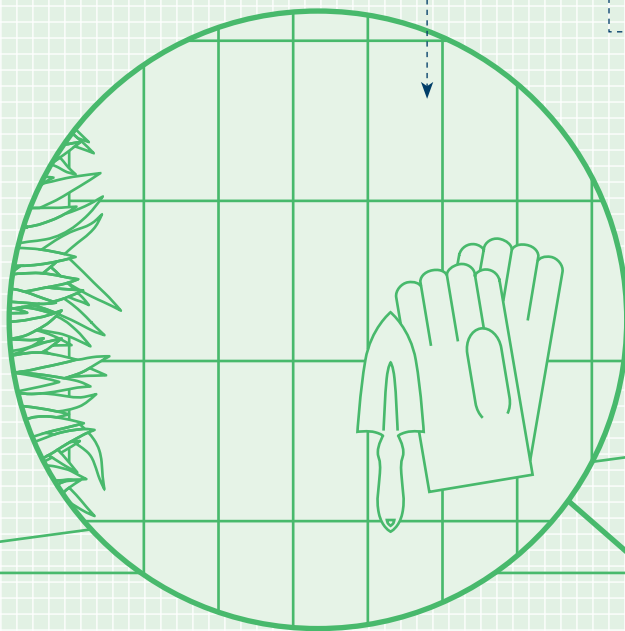
In a "HomeFit" home ...

- The address number is visible from the street so emergency responders can locate the home
- Exterior pathways are free of holes, loose bricks, uneven pavement, leaves, moss, mold or other slipping hazards

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In a "HomeFit" home ...

- Entrances (inside and out) are free of clutter
- There is a no-trip doorway threshold
- There are handrails on both sides of all steps and stairways



In a "HomeFit" home ...

- Doorways are at least 36" wide, or made that wide by installing swing-away or swing-clear hinges to make use of the entire doorway opening (see page 15 for a picture of the hinges)

In a "HomeFit" home ...

- There is exterior lighting at all entrances
- Outdoor light fixtures have sensors to automatically turn lights on at dusk and off at dawn and/or when motion is detected
- The entrance door has a peephole, viewing panel or security technology for seeing who is outside
- The entrance door has a secure slide latch or chain inside so you can speak to someone outside without fully unlocking and opening the door
- Doors have lever-style handles, which are easier to use than doorknobs

In a "HomeFit" home ...

- There's a bench or table near the entrance door for placing packages while locking or unlocking the door

A Special Message to Renters

Many of the HomeFit Guide's suggestions are doable even if you don't own the house or apartment where you live. For changes that will require some remodeling or installation work, you may need to seek permission from the property owner.