

## Risky Habits That Can Lead to Falls

## Read each statement and check the appropriate response.

	Always	Sometimes	Never
<b>1.</b> I lean on furniture and walls for extra support when I walk.			
2. I use the towel bar in my bathroom to help me get up from the tub or toilet.			
<b>3.</b> There are hallways or other places in my house that are dimly lit and difficult to see.			
<b>4.</b> Some of my clothes are too long and drag on the floor.			
<b>5.</b> If I get up a night I try to make my way through the dark without turning the light on.			
<b>6.</b> I have difficulty putting on my clothes while I am standing.			
7. I wear socks, floppy slippers, or flip flops when I walk around the house.			
<b>8.</b> I get up quickly to answer the phone or doorbell.			
9. I have pets that tend to get underfoot.			
<b>10.</b> When I drop or spill things, I'll wait for the most convenient opportunity to pick it up.			
<b>11.</b> I tend to get distracted whenever I try to do several tasks at the same time.			
<b>12.</b> Instead of making several trips, I try and carry as much as possible at one time.			
<b>13.</b> I tend to push myself, even when I get tired.			
<b>14.</b> I usually leave my sunglasses on when I come in from the outside.			





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<b>15.</b> I tend to walk down stairs without holding the handrail.			
<b>16.</b> I find myself walking fast or running to be on time.			
<b>17.</b> I find that I get overtired by trying to do too much.			

What are you doing that might increase your risk of falls?