

Alzheimer's Disease General Home Safety Checklist

- I have displayed emergency numbers and the home address near all telephones.
- I have set an answering machine to answer calls when I cannot. I have set it to turn on after the fewest number of rings possible.
- I have removed any items that might be dangers: clothes iron, space heaters, alcohol, etc.
- I have installed child-safety caps or plate covers over electrical outlets.
- I have put away sharp objects such as scissors, letter openers, tweezers, etc.
- I have checked every room for houseplants that could be eaten and cause illness.
- I have chosen appropriate locks for different types of windows and cabinets.
- I have covered the thermostat.
- I have installed smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in or near the kitchen and all sleeping areas.
- I have hidden a spare house key outside in case my loved one accidentally locks me out of the house.
- I have removed or secured all guns or other weapons.
- I have restricted access to the computer and Internet or set appropriate software to screen for objectionable material.

