

Being Prepared this Winter



Taking positive steps to avoid trips and falls

Eyesight and Hearing Checks

Going for regular eye and hearing checks. Especially if you experience any changes.



Nutrition

Having a well balanced diet and reducing alcohol intake.



Home Safety

Checking for hazards e.g poor lighting, moping up spills, loose rugs and cables.



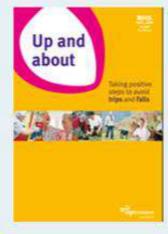
Have a plan

Think about what you would do if you fall.

Always take your phone with you or wear your community alarm at all times.

Further advice in up and about booklet or discuss with a health professional.

Always tell someone if you have had a fall, even if you feel ok.



Footcare

Wearing appropriate and nicely fitting shoes. Taking care of your feet.



Medication Reviews

Getting regular reviews. Especially if you take several different medications or if you experience any changes in symptoms.



Keeping Active

Move more, sit less.
Getting up to move
around every 1-2
hours. Different
examples of how to
stay active are
walking, climbing
stairs, gardening or
housework.



Strength and Balance

Doing strength and balance exercises 2-3 times per week. Follow the super 6 exercises in the up and about booklet



Resource: Up and about booklet. NHS Scotland

For more falls prevention information visit https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/preventing-falls