



Home safety evaluation



A home safety evaluation is an assessment of your rented or owned home by a physical or occupational therapist. This service improves accessibility inside your home and helps you identify and reduce fall or safety hazards.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

You might benefit from a home safety evaluation if:

- It is difficult for you to enter, exit or move around your home
- You have trouble transitioning from sitting or lying down to an upright or standing position
- Stairs, uneven walking surfaces, counter heights, etc. prevent you from accessing parts of your home
- You've recently moved and are unsure of what may need to be done to improve your home's accessibility
- You have a new diagnosis or impairment and want assistance understanding its impact on your accessibility and safety in your home

After assessing your home, the provider will give you a written report of safety concerns they found, as well as recommended next steps to increase accessibility. Recommendations often include adaptive equipment and technology or home modifications.

Before using your benefits to access this service, check with your private health insurance or local fire department. Private health insurance may cover a home safety evaluation under certain circumstances, and some fire departments offer home safety assessments free of charge.

PROVIDERS

WA Cares covers three types of providers for home safety evaluations: licensed physical therapists, licensed occupational therapists, and licensed home health agencies that employ physical or occupational therapists.

You can get these services from any registered WA Cares provider. We require all providers to meet minimum qualifications. You can find a provider at wacares.org/wacares.

RATES AND BILLING

Home safety evaluations are billed for every 15 minutes of service up to the established maximum rate.

Cost of services may vary based on where you live and your care needs. You and your provider will agree on rates. You can find maximum rates and typical costs at wacaresfund.wa.gov/rates.

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