# 6 STEPS TO PREVENT A FALL

Falls are the leading cause of injury deaths for American Indian adults ages 55 and over.<sup>1</sup>

## FIND A GOOD BALANCE AND EXERCISE PROGRAM

Exercises that focus on balance and strength training can reduce the risk of falling.



### TALK TO YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Ask for an assessment of your risk of falling. Share your history of recent falls.



## REGULARLY REVIEW YOUR MEDICATIONS WITH YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST

Make sure side effects aren't increasing your risk of falling. Take medications only as prescribed.



#### **KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE**

Remove tripping hazards, increase lighting, make stairs safe, and install grab bars in key areas.



## TALK TO YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS

Get their support in taking simple steps to stay safe. Falls are not just an elders' issue.



## GET YOUR VISION AND HEARING CHECKED ANNUALLY

Your eyes and ears are key to keeping you on your feet.



## FALLS ARE PREVENTABLE AND DO NOT HAVE TO BE A PART OF AGING



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