

Top Safety Concerns in Assisted Living Facilities

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MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Many seniors are on multiple medications-greatly increasing the risk of interaction or overdose.



The facility should be aware of **all medications** each resident takes, including both OTC and **prescription drugs**,

and have a highly organized **method to store** and **administer** them

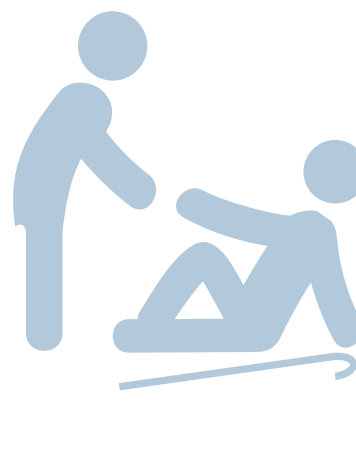


POORLY MAINTAINED FLOOR SURFACES



Poorly maintained carpet or flooring is a **serious fall hazard**.

Rugs, if used at all, should be **properly secured**



as seniors **often trip** on loose rugs or high pile carpets

NEGLIGENT SECURITY

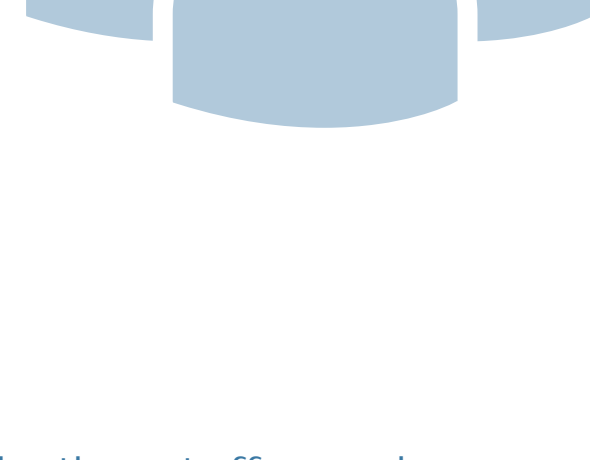
Assisted living facilities should have **video coverage** of the premises,



check visitors' photo IDs when they check in, and **prevent residents** from leaving the facility on their own.

LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Understaffed and poorly supervised assisted living facilities are **breeding grounds for abuse**.



Look to see whether staff members are **maintaining their workplace**

and whether they appear **over worked and over stressed**.



CLUTTER IN WALKING AREAS



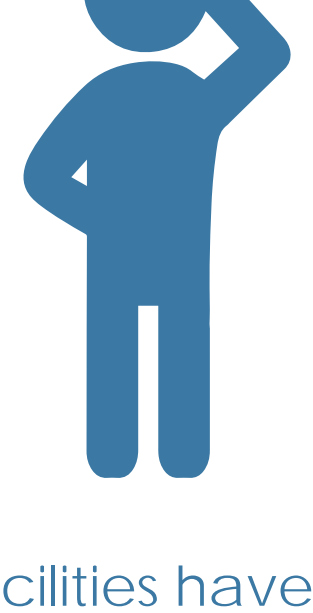
Walkways in assisted living facilities should be **unobstructed at all times**.

Look out for **unattended carts**, **unused wheelchairs** and **any other debris**.



INSUFFICIENT LIGHTING

Poor lighting **increases the risk of falls** and can cause residents to **become disoriented**.



Many older assisted living facilities have **outdated lighting** that does not allow residents to see well.

SAFETY ALERT SYSTEMS



Assisted living residents should be able to **call for help** at any time.

That includes **emergency pull strings** in bathrooms and **call buttons** next to every bed.



PROTOCOLS FOR HANDLING ABUSE

Unfortunately, abuse is a risk in any assisted living facility.



Before placing a loved one, **ask for references** and **interview administrators** to ask how they handle abuse allegations.

In addition, check with the office of the **long-term care ombudsman** and **search for news stories** suggesting a history of abuse complaints at the facility you're investigating.



If you suspect a loved one was harmed in a Georgia assisted living facility, contact **The Law Office of George S. Johnson**.

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