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Two types of home modifications: simple to extensive.

Simple:

- Increase lighting (differentiate the lighting: pointed up, down, & task)
- Install railings (2 for stairs)
- Install grab bars (horizontal for wheelchairs, vertical for standing, diagonal for everyone)
- Replace two-handle faucets with single lever faucets
- Install rocker-type & dimmer light switches
- Install hand-held shower
- Replace door knobs with lever door handles
- Replace cabinet knobs with D-handles
- Use pullout or pull-down shelving in cabinets

Where to look for equipment for simple home modification:

- Durable Medical Equipment stores
- Hardware stores
- Lowes & Home Depot
- The internet

Extensive:

- Creating a first floor bedroom and/or bathroom
- Making a first floor laundry room
- Widening doorways & hallways
- Converting bath to a walk-in shower or tub
- Adding a home elevator

Goals of home modification

- No step entry
- Single floor living
- Wide doorways & hallways
- Reachable controls & switches
- Easy to use handles & switches