

Around the House
Plumbing Article #20 – Bathroom Safety
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Headline

Your Bathroom is Ripe for Slips, Falls, and Other Mishaps.
But it Doesn't Have to Be.

Subheads

Here's how to turn your bathroom into a safe haven for you or anyone in your family...young, old, or disabled.

Text

Household safety is serious business. And very few places are more prone to personal injury risks than your bathroom.

So for starters, here are several safety and convenience measure you can take to assist elderly or others in your family with special needs.

- **Toilet safety frames** – these include grab bars to help ensure safety and security. They provide **anti-slip protection** and can be mounted to the floor or wall.
- **Grab bars** – these can be attached anywhere you desire to **help prevent slipping and falling**, especially when moisture has accumulated on the floor. Tub rails, another type of grab bar, make it easier to get in and out of the shower or bath.
- **Bath benches** – most models feature three different positions, plus angled legs with suction style tips for **additional stability** and drainage holes to reduce slipping
- **Hand-held shower heads** – these allow the water source to follow the person, and not the other way around...many models also come **with instant “on” and “off” switches** and hand-held temperature control;

- **Electronic faucets** – these provide the convenience of **hands-free on/off activation** so no amount of strength is required...they also help to conserve water and come in a wide range of styles specifically designed for residential use...you can also pre-set a **maximum water temperature limit**;
- **Walk-in bathtubs** – these allow absolute ease of entry and exit into the bathtub or shower...they also come with **water-tight doors**...you can even add jets for bath-time therapeutic massages;

Bathrooms pose safety risks for your children, too...especially drowning. So from (company name), here are a few more tips to the wise:

- Don't let young children use the sink or tub without help.
- Install non-slip strips or mats.
- Know the things in your bathroom that are poisonous.
- Keep medicines and cleaning products in the containers they come in.
- All medicines and cleaning products should have child safety caps.
- Set your water heater at 120 degrees or less to prevent scalding.

For additional bathroom safety tips, or for more information on how to make your bathroom a safer environment for your entire household, we urge you to call the professionals at (company name) today. And while you're at it, **save \$50 on your next bathroom remodeling with the coupon below.**

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