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## A Natividad Community Program

# Jhe Path to BETTER BALANCE

BRAIN

Steps You Can Take to Prevent a Fall

#### **MAKE YOUR HOME SAFE**

Remove tripping hazards, install bright light bulbs and grab bars in bathrooms, bedrooms and hallways, and keep a bell on your pet's collar to signal that they are nearby.

#### **GET CONNECTED**

Find a community-based program designed to help senior adults increase physical activity and change their environment to reduce all risk factors.

#### **TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR**

Ask your doctor for a fall risk assessment and share your history of any recent falls. Be sure to review your medication list as some prescriptions may cause dizziness.

Also, have your vision and hearing checked – these senses are vital to balance.

### ASSIGN A FAMILY ADVOCATE

Enlist family support in assessing your home for safety. And remember to always stop, look and listen to your surroundings.

#### **KEEP MOVING**

Activities that strengthen the muscles in your legs, such as walking or tai chi, can improve your balance and help prevent falls.



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