## IF YOU FALL, THINK RAISE

R - Relax.
You might feel a rush of adrenaline. Good. You'll use that energy to help you get up.

- Evaluate.

Do you need to go to the

doctor? Can you stand?

If not, sit down, and rest

before trying to move

again.

A - Assess.
Are you OK?
Are you feeling pain? Is there anything sturdy enough to hold on to close by? Is your cellphone in your pocket? Do you have an alarm pendant. Is anyone nearby?

## **DEVELOP A PLAN:**

Wear a **personal alarm** around your neck. Keep a **cell phone** with you at all times.

Set up **quick dial numbers** on your phone.

Carry a whistle.

Have a friend or family member call you daily and leave them a spare key, so they can get to you quickly.

**Practice** getting up off the floor.

If there is something sturdy close by or a cellphone you can reach, INCH your way to it by crawling.

Take your time.



S - Steady.

Steady yourself. With your strongest leg, push yourself up to a standing or sitting position, holding on to the sturdy object. Use both your arms and legs to pull yourself up.

## IF YOU CAN'T GET UP

Don't panic. Try to stay warm. If injured, stay where you are.

Call for help: a. Make noise. Shout or bang on something.
b. Press your pendant alarm. c. Use the telephone if you can.

Get comfortable: a. Use a cushion or clothing as a pillow.
b. Use a tablecloth or rug as a blanket.

Let your doctor know that you have had a fall.

For more information and resources, visit www.safeforelders.com

