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Home Safety

Each month we will highlight a new section of the website. This month's featured section focuses on home safety.

FIRE SAFETY

Here's a tip to help you remember something is on the stove:

Take an oven mitt or pot holder with you when your phone rings or you are distracted. It will remind you that you have a pot on the stove.

Source: City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Click on a link for more info:

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If there is something we have not yet covered and you would like us to include here, send an e-mail to: miseniorbrigade@gmail.com and we'll consider adding it to the next monthly newsletter.

June is Home Safety Month

Seniors need homes that are safe, secure, and comfortable. How does your home check out?

- ✓ Shoes are at your bedside and easily accessible (in case of fire)
- ✓ Spare set of glasses easily accessible
- ✓ Double handrails on stairways
- ✓ Hand held shower head and grab bars in bathroom
- ✓ Smoke detectors in key areas
- ✓ Outlets grounded and three prong
- ✓ Safety lighting outside the home
- ✓ Step stool sturdy with handles
- ✓ Bushes trimmed so burglars cannot hide in them

Learn more about Home Safety by visiting these helpful websites:

-  [AARP.org Caregiving Checklist](#)
[Home Safety: How Well Does Your Home Meet Your Needs?](#)
-  [Home Safety Council Resources](#)
[Home Safety For Older Adults](#)

Consumer Alert!

Building and Remodeling – Advice for Homeowners

Home repair fraud is often aimed at seniors. Scammers use scare tactics to pressure people to pay for unnecessary, expensive repairs. They overcharge, or take money and then do shoddy work or never show up.

Be a smart consumer when you need repairs:

- 1) Avoid door to door and unsolicited offers;
- 2) Shop around for a contractor and get three bids;
- 3) Insist on a detailed contract up front and a payment schedule; and
- 4) Check licenses by calling Builders/Licensing Services at 1-517-373-8376.

For more information on how to avoid home repair fraud, read the Attorney General's consumer alert entitled "[Building and Remodeling – Advice for Homeowners](#)".



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