



HIRE A CERTIFIED AGING-IN-PLACE SPECIALIST

MAKE YOUR HOUSE A HOME FOR A LIFETIME



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What is aging-in-place?



Living in your home safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age or ability level.



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**How does it
affect me?**



If you are like the majority of Americans over the age of 45, you want to continue living in a familiar environment throughout your maturing years.



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According to the AARP, older homeowners overwhelmingly prefer to age in place.



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How can your home be made more comfortable and usable?

To age in place safely and comfortably, you may need a few modifications to your home.

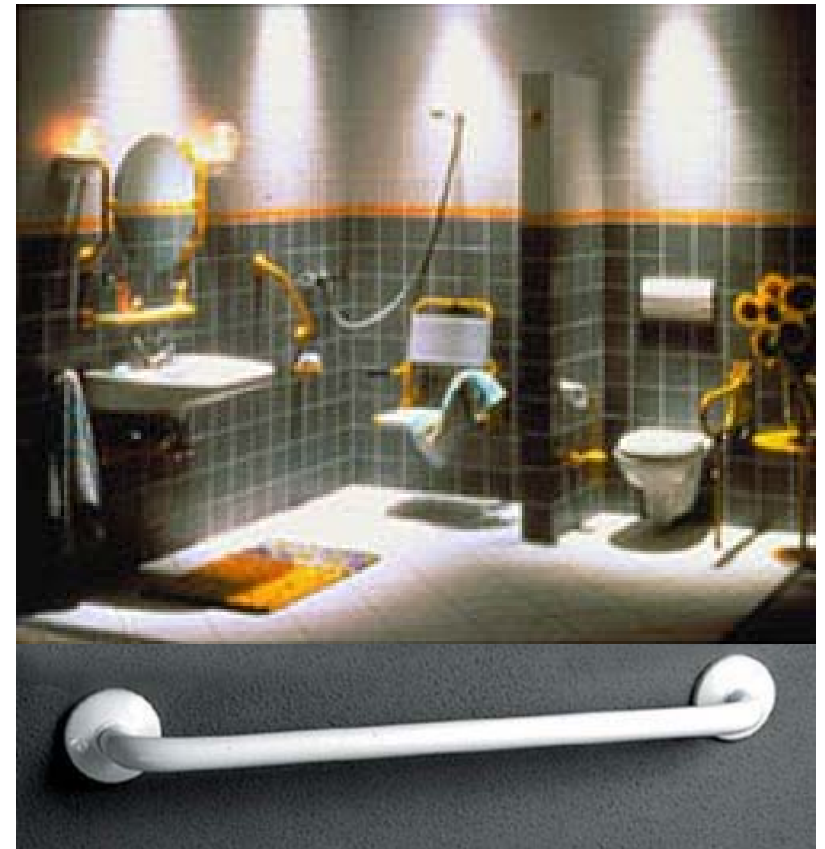


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Home modifications for aging-in-place might include:

Installation of bath and shower grab bars



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Home modifications for aging-in-place might include:



Adjustment of
kitchen and
bathroom
countertop heights



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Home modifications for aging-in-place might include:

Creation of a multi-functional first floor master suite



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Home modifications for aging-in-place might include:

Installation of interior or exterior elevators



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Who can you rely on to modify your home?

**A
Certified
Aging-in-
Place
Specialist
(CAPS)
has been
trained in...**

- the unique needs of the older adult population
- aging-in-place home modifications
- common remodeling projects
- solutions to common barriers



The CAPS designation is...

- a reliable way to identify professionals to modify your home
- developed and administered by leading institutions



Before you modify your home

- Remember you are buying a service rather than a product
- No matter where you start in the process, you will eventually need to hire a professional remodeler to make modifications to your home



Home modification checklist

- ✓ **Calculate your budget**
- ✓ **Seek referrals**
- ✓ **Contact trade associations**
- ✓ **Check with your local/state office of consumer protection (Better Business Bureau)**
- ✓ **Verify the remodeler's references**
- ✓ **Look for professional designations**
- ✓ **Ask your professional remodeler for a written estimate**
- ✓ **Select a professional remodeler**



Ask
these
questions
first



- Do I want to add a bathroom and possibly a bedroom to the main level?
- How can I make my kitchen more functional?
- Am I worried about preventing falls?



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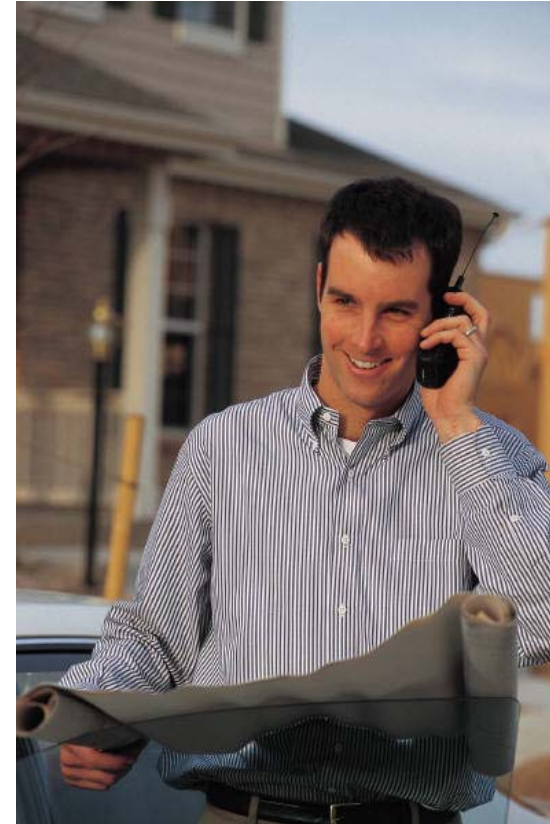


- How much money can I budget for this project?
- Will I need to get a home equity loan?
- Will other members of my family benefit from modifications?
- Will remodeling increase the energy efficiency of my home?



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- Where do I find a professional I can confidentially consult about my aging-in-place needs?



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