

FALL RISK REDUCTION EQUIPMENT

The need for fall risk reduction equipment is a team decision based on the resident needs and preferences, and the team's responsibility to provide a safe environment. The resident and/or SDM (substitute decision –maker) should be advised of the team decision and consent obtained. P.T./O.T. is often able to enlist the support of Veteran's Affairs to pay for such items if required for a single individual. The items that are shared by a number of residents are usually the responsibility of the PCM to purchase, although sometimes residents/SDMs agree to fund these items. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive; other devices may be appropriate.

EQUIPMENT	WHO TO ASK
Wheelchairs	O.T. (occupational therapist)
Seat belts	O.T.
Walkers	P.T. (physiotherapist)
Hip protectors	P.T.
Helmets	P.T./O.T.
Footwear	P.T./O.T.
Non-skid strips	Maintenance supplies/installs
Chair Alarm*	PCM (patient care manager)
Bed Alarm*	PCM
Floor Alarm*	PCM
Floor mat*	PCM
Sturdy poles*	PCM (maintenance installs)
Bedside Commode*	PCM
Raised toilet seat *	PCM
Low Beds*	PCM
Standing transfer disk*	PT/PCM
Amputee shower chair*	PCM

*ordered through purchasing from unit budget