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HomeFront

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How can we help?



Importance of falls prevention

- » One in **three** people aged 65 and over report falling at least once each year
- » One quarter of these people sustain significant injuries and **5%** sustain a fracture (usually humerus, wrist, hip or pelvis)
- » Falls and accidents are a key factor in causing otherwise avoidable admissions to hospital



What is HomeFront?

HomeFront is a falls prevention program

Aim is to reduce falls and accident hazards in the homes of eligible Veterans and war widows

The program concentrates on achieving practical solutions to falls or accidents

The assessment is on the home environment as opposed to the Veteran as an individual


Nurses, physios, OTs, conduct assessments

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HomeFront assessments are available to ALL holders of DVA GOLD or WHITE cards

Clients can receive a FREE home assessment each year

Assessment has NO impact on any other benefits or entitlements



Following the home assessment, DVA will make a financial contribution (currently \$203) towards the cost of recommended aids and minor home modifications that will reduce the risk of falls and accidents.



Assessment Process

- » If value of work or products exceeds the subsidy level (currently \$203) the case manager will contact the veteran to advise cost.
- » There is NO obligation to proceed. Veteran has the final choice.
- » If under subsidy or excess is approved by veteran the case manager will assign tradesperson or order products.
- » In most cases work or delivery of goods should be complete within 4 weeks.

Suggested list of items



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- » Repair/replace carpet that is worn or out of shape
- » Linoleum that is torn or has holes in areas that may cause trips.
- » Relocation of door locks and handles, repairs to windows and doors that are difficult to open.
- » Installation of wedges to doorway lips.
- » Installation of magnetic door stops.
- » Installation of eave over doorway to prevent water pooling.
- » Lowering of microwave ovens, tumble driers, and bathroom cabinets.

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- » Raise , lower, repairs to existing clothes lines or replacement with fold down line placed in more convenient location.
- » Installation of handrails (if not covered under RAP)
- » Tile repairs (floor only)
- » Application of Anti Slip treatment.
- » Installation of “Smart” door. Reversal of toilet door or installation of ‘lift off’ hinges.
- » Installation or repairs to external handrails.
- » Repairs to verandah flooring.





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- » Repairs to external stairways.
- » Repairs to pathways, installation of new pathways.
- » Installation of sensor lights either internal or to light up entry ways.
- » Improvements to lighting internally i.e. kitchen
- » Installation of two way lighting switches.
- » Raise power points.
- » Install new power points to stop use of extension cords. (This can also be applied to antenna and phone points)
- » Relocate phone points.



Other assistance available

VETERANS' TRANSPORT

DVA provides assistance towards travelling expenses for eligible veterans attending DVA approved treatment

- Booked Car with Driver
- Ambulance to nearest hospital
- Authorised attendant if medically required

VETERANS' AFFAIRS NETWORK (VAN)

Assists veterans, war widows, war widowers and families

- Provides information on pensions, benefits and entitlements, information on offices located in capital city and regional centres

PH: 1300 551 918

Other assistance available

VETERANS' HOME CARE

Access to services is based on assessed need

Range of services include:

- Domestic assistance
- Personal care
- Respite Care
- Safety related Home & Garden Maintenance

PH: 1300550 450

COMMUNITY NURSING

Program of clinically necessary nursing and /or personal care which assists eligible veterans

Rehabilitation Appliance Program – See your Doctor for a D904 form



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How to get a HomeFront assessment

If you are currently seeing an Occupational Therapist, ask them to organise for you.

Or simply ring:

1800 80 1945

The case manager who answers the phone will organise for the closest assessor to your home to make an appointment with you.