

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## A Safe Home Is No Accident

(NAPSA)—If you've been injured in an accident in your home, you're not alone. Approximately 10 million unintentional home injuries were seen in American emergency rooms in the last seven-year period for which there are records. Falls are the leading type of home injury, with about 3.8 million reported during that period.

The cost is high, in both suffering and expense. Statistics show that in one recent five-year period, unintentional home injuries cost society an average of \$220 billion each year in medical costs.

The good news is that with a little foresight many of these accidents can be prevented. To make everyone more aware that home safety is a 365-day-a-year job, Easter Seals and the professionals at Century 21 Real Estate LLC have worked on ways to make your home sweet home a home safe home.

A sign that home safety has become more important is that accessible homes have become a growing trend among homebuyers. This becomes easier to understand given that there are more than 54 million Americans with disabilities and taking into account the potential functional limitations of an aging generation of baby boomers.

Representatives at Easter Seals



**You can help reduce the number of disabilities caused by accidents by making your home sweet home a home safe home.**

and professionals at Century 21 Real Estate LLC point out that today's accessible homes incorporate elevated front pathways, elevators disguised as regular closets, open floor plans, modern bathrooms with easy-to-access showers and baths, and efficient kitchens and home offices. The defining features that make a home safe and accessible to individuals with disabilities can also have a positive effect on a home's style, beauty, value and resale price. These are benefits that homebuyers and homeowners can appreciate.

For more information on making your home safer and more accessible, visit [www.EasterSeals.com/easyaccess](http://www.EasterSeals.com/easyaccess).