



## **YOUR COMMUNITY SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **THINGS YOU NEED TO DO TO PREPARE YOUR HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR A HOME VISIT WITH YOUR VCBIS STAFF**

#### **Outside your home**

- Keep driveway, sidewalks, stairs and ramps free of ice, snow, and clutter.
- Make sure stairs have secure handrails.
- Keep walkways and entrances well lit.
- Provide parking as close to your home as possible.

#### **Inside your home**

- Make sure floors are not slippery and area rugs are secure or are removed.
- Make sure steps are secure, in good condition, and not slippery.
- Keep hallways, stairs and other walking areas clear of clutter.
- Remove or secure any loose cords so they are not a trip hazard.
- Maintain a comfortable temperature in your home (not too hot or too cold)
- Maintain assistive devices which are used in the home.
- Regularly check your fire alarm and carbon monoxide detector to ensure they are working properly.

#### **Preventing Spread of the Flu**

- Please let staff know if you have a fever before they come to your home.

#### **Smoking and alcohol**

- Stop smoking at least 30minutes before the visit, and do not smoke during the visit.
- Do not drink alcohol or use street drugs before or during the visit.

#### **Pets**

- Keep pets under control (on a short leash or locked in a separate room).