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- Keep up your social activities.
- Routinely clean your teeth and gums.
- Eat a nutritious diet and stay hydrated.

## **3** REMOVE hazards

- Keep your floors and pathways clutter-free.
- Install grab bars in the bathroom.
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