

Modifications for Volunteers (by Skill Level)

Modifications Unskilled Volunteers can make

There are many modifications that can be made by volunteers who are unskilled. House Captains should be sure to have the needed supplies on hand and encourage the volunteers who don't have the ability to do some more technical modifications to do one of the following tasks.

- Non-skid strips in bathtubs
- Non-skid/color contrast strips on stairs
- Secure throw rugs with double-sided tape or remove
- Install brighter light bulbs
- Tighten railings
- Add non-skid surface to walkway and porch floor
- Install battery operated smoke and CO2 detectors
- Install Great Grips on door knobs
- Attach larger house numbers
- Install wireless doorbell
- Install portable tub bench/raised toilet seat
- Install night light/tap light
- Paint
- Remove clutter
- Yard Work

Modifications Semi-Skilled Volunteers can make

If you have some volunteers who are not highly skilled but are ready to try something that's a little tougher, assign them one of the following modifications. You may want to have a skilled volunteer act in advisory role just to be sure they are doing it correctly.

- Replace doorknobs with lever handles
- Replace faucet knobs with levers
- Install locks
- Install doorbells
- Install peep hole
- Replace fixed shower head with hand-held unit
- Install loop handles on cabinets
- Install grab bars (with skilled supervision)
- Install railings (with skilled supervision)
- Repair walkway (with skilled supervision)

Modifications Skilled Volunteers can make

If you have some volunteers who are technically-savvy, you should definitely encourage them to tackle one of these tougher modifications, which are very important to the quality of life of the homeowner. These are not simple and we have included how-to tips for some of them, but be sure the person making these modifications knows what they are doing.

- Install grab bars
- Build wheelchair ramp
- Install/repair lighting
- Install/repair railings
- Widen doorway
- Install hot water heater
- Install fold-down tub bench
- Install swing-clear hinges
- Change light switch to rocker switch
- Repair walkway
- Install hard wired smoke and CO detectors
- Install vinyl or laminate flooring