## How your *health problems* reflect your risk of **FALLS**

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Stroke, arthritis and Parkinson's disease can affect your *movement and balance*. This will cause difficulties in getting up from a fall.

**Dizziness** can result from a **ear imbalance problem**. A sudden drop in **blood pressure** when you stand up quickly can also cause lightheadedness, sometimes even



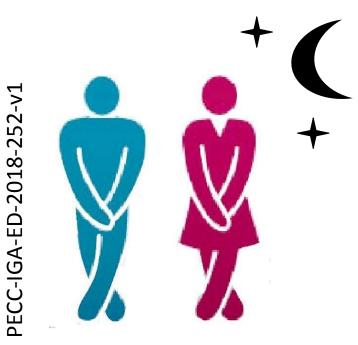


a **blackout**.

Some of the **sleeping medications** result in **drowsiness** and **confusion**, which makes you **less attentive** to your surroundings. This will increase the chance of bumping into something and falling.

The feeling of **numbness** in your feet (especially for *diabetic* patients) makes it difficult to walk on uneven ground as there is difficulty in feeling the surface of the ground, causing you to trip easily.





If you have urinary incontinence, rushing to the toilet especially at night can increase the chances of falling.

