

An assessment on indoor residential hazards and occurrence of accidents amongst the elderly

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■ **ABSTRACT** : In the present study it was that majority of the elderly women and men were living in double storied own houses and only 14 per cent were living in single storied houses, considered as safe for elderly. Majority of women (62%) and men (50%) faced 4-6 health related problems. For maximum number of women as well as men accidents took place in the bathroom due toe slipping. Second most accident prone area for women was kitchen and wet floor was the main reason for occurrence of accidents. Primary consequences of the accidents varied form simple pain and sprain to fractures and dislocation of joints. The study also found the relationship between age and feeling of safety at home *i.e.* as the age increases the feeling of safety decreases in the elderly.

■ **KEY WORDS** : Occurrence of accidents, Residential hazards, Elderly person

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