



# Lane Fire Authority

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### **Lane Fire Authority offers home safety program**

*Free in-home inspections available to prevent falls and injury*

[Veneta, Ore.] – According to the Centers for Disease Control, more than one-third of adults over 65 years of age fall each year. Falls can lead to hip fractures, traumatic brain injuries, and are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries in older adults – and they are mostly preventable. That’s why Lane Fire Authority offers a program to reduce injury from slips and falls, as well as other in-home hazards.

Firefighter/EMTs from Lane Fire Authority will visit residents’ homes at their request and perform a comprehensive evaluation of the property exterior and interior. The inspections take approximately an hour. Once the survey is complete, the Firefighter/EMT will sit down with the homeowner and review a list of recommendations to improve safety in the home.

“Slips and falls are fairly easy to prevent with some attention and organization around the home,” said Lieutenant Tressa Miller. “When we are invited to do an inspection we try to identify any other hazards that could easily be overlooked, such as expired or unsafely stored prescriptions, and work with the homeowner to identify solutions.”

If you would like to schedule a complimentary fall and injury prevention inspection, please contact Lt. Miller at (541) 935-2226 ext.222 or [TressaMiller@lanefire.org](mailto:TressaMiller@lanefire.org). She is also available to present to organizations that would like information about safety in the home.

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*Lane Fire Authority provides fire, life safety and emergency medical services (EMS) to 36,000 residents over 276 square miles in the Willamette Valley. This new partnership is actually two fire districts – Lane County Fire District 1 and Lane Rural Fire/Rescue – operating under a special agreement since 2012 that saves money and improves emergency services for the community. Our career and volunteer emergency personnel respond to over 4,800 emergency calls per year, 81% of which are for EMS.*



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