

SAFE DRESSING

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Fall Risks

Getting dressed in an unsafe area



- Low lighting
- No supports to hold onto
- Improper footwear

Undressing in a hurry (e.g. to use the bathroom)

Getting dressed as per usual despite movement restrictions (Graham, 2023)

Adaptive Clothing

CareZips Men's Pants



Magnetic Button Blouse



Side-Zip Paint for Women



Things to Consider:

- Opt for lightweight clothes
- Ensure that your clothing fits properly
- Consider alternative methods for dressing if faced with movement restriction

(Tang et al., 2023)

Useful Clothing Brands:

- MagnaReady
 - Magnetic front shirts for men and women
- Tommy Hilfiger Adaptive
 - Modifications such as magnetic buttons, bungeecord, and velcro-closures
- Xpand Laces
 - Elastic laces
- Buck & Buck
 - Adaptive clothing, footwear and accessories
- Joe & Ella

(Parkinson's Foundation, n.d.; Joe & Ella, n.d.)

Safety Tips!



1. Take your time/avoid rushing.

- 2. Dress after taking medications.
- 3. Consider adaptive clothing tools (e.g. button hook, dressing stick).
- 4.Wear non-slip socks instead of regular slippers.
- 5. Consider elastic shoelaces or lace locks.
- 6. Avoid socks that have tight elastic bands.
- Choose clothes that have multiple zippers/fasteners for bathroom needs.

8. Consider shirt options that include an open back to eliminate overhead arm motion.

9. Select loose clothing when wearing a sling/cast.

10. Dress lower extremities while seated.

11. Make sure hem of pants are above knee before bringing them over thighs.

12. Pull up pants and zip near a counter or stable surface for support.



(Graham, 2023; Parkinson's Foundation, n.d.)

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