



The Falls Free™ Coalition is a collection of national organizations and state coalitions working to reduce the growing number of falls and fall-related injuries among older adults. Members recognize it will require a collaborative effort of many individuals and organizations at the local, state, and national level, including health care providers, community service providers, community leaders, and older adults themselves to effectively address this growing public health concern.

The original member list included attendees from the highly successful Falls Free™ Summit conducted in December, 2004. The outcome of the Summit was the National Action Plan to prevent falls, which represented the best thinking of over 58 National Organizations and experts in fall prevention.

The Coalition has been formed to promote collaboration among members, to bring awareness to this issue, to promote the effectiveness of risk factor identification and intervention, and to work toward the implementation of the 36 strategies contained within the National Action Plan.

The Falls Free™ Coalition has been organized by the National Council on Aging's Center for Healthy Aging with continuing support from the Archstone Foundation, the US Administration on Aging and the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. In an effort to promote the collaboration among the members and to document the progress made toward implementation of the strategies, the Center maintains close contact with members, promotes partnership among members, and has developed an E-Newsletter to keep all members abreast of activities and the latest research. The Center is actively reaching out to promote the development of state coalitions and to invite exciting coalitions and other national organizations to join the Falls Free™ Coalition.

When appropriate, the Center is promoting the development of coalition workgroups to address specific issues and strategies such as the Advocacy Workgroup, which is comprised of six member organizations. Due in large part to the Advocacy Workgroup, Safety of Seniors Act, PL 110-202 was signed into law in April 2008 calling for a national awareness campaign, education and training of providers and investment in community-based interventions. We continue to advocate for funding of the bill and each year advocate for a Senate Proclamation for Fall Prevention Awareness joined by a myriad of state coalitions in promoting awareness and action.

Members are working individually and collaboratively on a variety of strategies and activities that are demonstrating a growing momentum and national interest in fall prevention.

***The current membership of the Falls Free™ Coalition includes the following:***

**National Organizations**

AARP	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of the Director
Administration on Aging	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality	Easter Seals
Alliance for Aging Research	Gentiva
Alzheimer's Foundation of America	Home Safety Council
American Academy of Audiology	International Council on Active Aging
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons	Lighthouse International
American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness	Lowe's
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging	Meals On Wheels Association of America
American Board of Internal Medicine	National Association for Continenence
American Bone Health	National Association for Home Care and Hospice
American Geriatrics Society	National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
American Occupational Therapy Association	National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, Osteoporosis Council
American Optometric Association	National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration
American Physical Therapy Association	National Association of State Units on Aging
American Podiatric Medical Association	National Center for Senior's Housing Research, National Association of Home Builders Research Center
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists	National Council on Aging
American Society on Aging	National Eye Institute
Archstone Foundation	National Fire Protection Association
Assisted Living Federation of America	National Floor Safety Institute
BC Injury Research & Prevention Unit	National Government Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Physical Activity and Nutrition	National Governors Association
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention & Control	National Indian Council on Aging
	National Institute on Aging

National Osteoporosis Foundation

National Safety Council

OASIS Institute

PHI

Prevent Blindness America

Rebuilding Together

Safe States Alliance

Society for Advancement of Violence  
and Injury Research

U.S. Department of Health & Human  
Services, Office of the Assistant  
Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

### **Academic Institutions**

Alberta Centre for Injury Control &  
Research

Atlanta VA Rehabilitation Research and  
Development Center

Center for Successful Aging, California State  
University, Fullerton

Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego  
State University

Temple University School of Medicine  
- Institute on Aging

The Texas A & M University System Aging &  
Health Promotion Program - Active for Life®

UCLA School of Medicine, Geriatric Research  
Education and Clinical Center

### **State Coalitions**

A growing number of states, now numbering 31, are coalescing around the issue of falls prevention. They are working collaboratively to affect change in communities across the country

### **Other**

Bertec Corporation

Lifeline Systems

Sanner & Company

The SCOOTER Store

Thera-Band®

