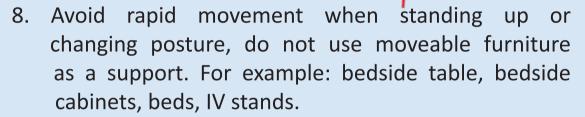
4. Listen and refer to the information given by clinical staff about drug use and side-effects, in order to reduce the risk of falling while under the influence.

5. Make sure trousers are at right length and not too long. Advice to wear appropriate non-slippery shoes.

6. Wear spectacles or hearing aid when necessary.

7. Ensure appropriate use of walking aids such as crutches and walkers. Do not use umbrellas as an ambulatory aid.



When toileting in bed, bedside and bathroom, patient should pay particular attention and use handrails appropriately, "Call Bell" should also be used when assistant from a ward staff is required.

CAUTION



- 10. Pay attention to ward environment, avoid placing extra personal belongings around bedside, keep proper lighting and be aware for an "Slippery" warning signs.
- 11. To reduce the risk of fall, ensure the height of the bed is appropriate or at a relatively low position.
- 12. Please inform the ward staff in advance, if visitors need to release patient's physical restrainers, visitors should accompany patient during the process and inform any ward staff on duty to replace physical restrainers on the patient before leaving.





## **Introduction:**

**Appropriate** 

**Walking Aids** 

Falling over can be a common incident when there is a change in physical conditions of the patient or if the patient is in an unfamiliar place. Various degrees of injuries can be caused henceforth. Through this leaflet, we hope patients could understand the importance of cooperating with ward staff in order to ensure your own safety, namely to reduce your risk of falling.

## **Fall Factors: An Unfamiliar Environment** Reluctant Unsuitable to ask for **Clothes and** Influence of assistance **Shoes Medication** -(Diuretic, laxative, diabetes, Disease anti-hypertensive drug, (Stroke, Parkinson's anti-histamine drugs, disease, Dementia) sedatives, etc.) **Factors Change in Physical Condition -**(Limb weakness, dizziness, balance disorders, visual or **Not Using**

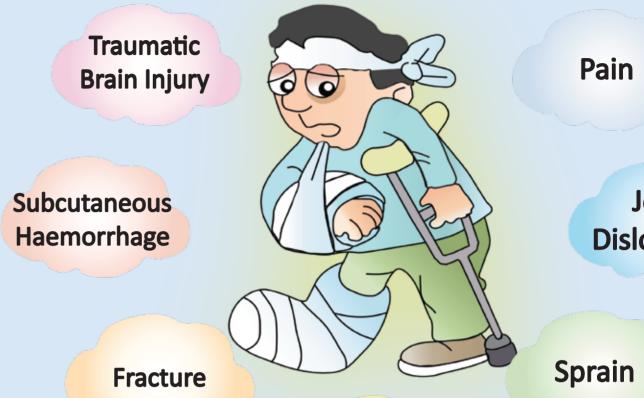
auditory deficit)

**External Factors** 

**Overestimate** 

**Self Ability** 

## Fall injuries can be caused by:



Joint Dislocation

Skin Integrity

## **Fall Prevention Precautions:**

- 1. Understand self's ability whether he / she can walk independently. And seek assistance from ward staff immediately when he / she suffer from fatigue at lower limb, dizziness or unbalanced movement.
- 2. Orient patient to ward environment e.g. toilet & bathroom.
- 3. Fully understand the use of "Call Bell" and place it within reach.



