Older Missourians are just ONE INCIDENT AWAY from hospitalization, nursing home placement, and the loss of lifetime resources.

Did you know Area Agencies on Aging provide options? Support the Senior Services Growth and Development Bill.
Sisters Maxine, Billie, and Louise have lived most of their lives modestly in their own homes, just minutes away from each other. Almost nightly, they gathered for dinner and a game of cards or marbles.

As the years passed, the sisters realized safety was becoming a concern for each of them. It became a fearful issue for 89-year old Maxine especially, following her diagnosis of cancer. Could she safely manage the stairs and hallways of the only home she had known for 46 years?

Fortunately, the sisters were familiar with the Area Agency on Aging, having been blessed with in-home help and guidance in the past, so they knew just where to turn. Thanks to a Senior Services grant to the AAA, several pieces of safety equipment were delivered to Maxine’s home. Grab bars were installed throughout her home. A shower bench and non-slip mats, a seated, wheeled walker to help with mobility and stability; and periodic visits with her Care Coordination team have ensured Maxine’s well-being and safety. She still lives at home today.

Billie also continues living at home, protected by a life alert safety pendant as well as grab bars throughout her home. Their older sister Louise’s time in her home was extended through similar help, until she moved into a nursing home. She is now in her 90’s.

“We are so thankful for the many kindnesses and help the Area Agency on Aging showed us,” the sisters say, almost in unison. “Our lives would be so different if they weren’t here for us. We thank everyone who makes them possible for those of us who need them.”

Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

“We want to be here when you need us.”