



DID YOU EARN THIS VA BENEFIT?

IT COULD HELP PAY FOR A SAFER BATHROOM

Quick HISA Grant Qualification Checklist for Veterans

Many Veterans live with bathrooms that were never designed for mobility challenges. Stepping over a bathtub wall, slippery floors, and lack of support can quickly become serious safety risks.

The Department of Veterans Affairs offers programs that may help Veterans improve safety at home — including the Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) Grant.

Yet many Veterans never hear about it.

THIS GUIDE EXPLAINS

- 👣 What the VA HISA grant is
- 👣 If you may qualify and how to check
- 👣 Common bathroom safety issues that qualify
- 👣 What to ask contractors before starting a project

*Help Veterans improve safety
and independence at home.*

SAFE BATHROOMS FOR
THE BRAVE



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BATHROOM SAFETY MATTERS MORE THAN MOST PEOPLE REALIZE



 More than 230,000 people visit emergency rooms each year due to bathroom injuries.

 Many of these injuries happen while entering or exiting a bathtub.

 Traditional tubs often require stepping over a wall that is 14–20 inches high.

 For Veterans with mobility challenges, that step can become dangerous.

COMMON RISKS



Stepping over high
tub walls



Slippery flooring



Lack of grab bars



Tight bathroom
layouts



Poor lighting

Many Veterans simply adapt to these issues over time — but they can become serious fall risks.

 Programs exist that may help Veterans improve bathroom safety.

Turn the page to see if this applies to you.

QUICK BATHROOM SAFETY CHECK FOR VETERANS



CHECKLIST

- ☐ You must step over a bathtub wall to shower
- ☐ Your shower does not have permanent grab bars
- ☐ Your bathroom feels tight or hard to move in
- ☐ The shower floor feels slippery when wet
- ☐ You've felt unsteady entering or exiting the tub
- ☐ You use a cane, walker, or assistance
- ☐ Your bathroom lighting makes it hard to see clearly



If you answered YES to anything on this page, keep going.

You may qualify for thousands of dollars in VA-funded safety improvements.



WHAT IS THE VA HISA GRANT?

The Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) Grant is a VA program that helps Veterans pay for medically necessary home safety improvements.

These improvements allow Veterans to live more safely and independently.



COMMON USES



Tub-to-shower conversions



Grab bars



Slip-resistant flooring



Accessibility improvements



Shower seating

GRANT RANGE

The VA may provide funding in ranges such as:

\$2,000 – \$6,800 depending on eligibility

While this typically doesn't cover the full project, it can significantly reduce the cost.

Many homeowners never receive opportunities like this to offset the cost of improving one of the most important rooms in their home.



If you earned this benefit through your service, why leave it unused?

Turn the page to see if you may qualify.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE HISA GRANT?

CHECKLIST



- ☐ The Veteran receives or is eligible for VA healthcare
- ☐ The bathroom is in the Veteran's primary residence
- ☐ The Veteran has difficulty entering or exiting the tub
- ☐ A VA provider could recommend bathroom safety improvements
- ☐ The Veteran plans to remain in the home
- ☐ The Veteran is willing to schedule a VA appointment to complete the form

KEY STEP

Most HISA projects begin with a simple form completed by a VA medical provider. This is usually the **first and easiest step**.

 Next: the most common upgrade Veterans use to improve safety.



WHY MANY VETERANS REPLACE BATHTUBS WITH SHOWERS



Traditional bathtubs require stepping over a high wall.



For Veterans with mobility challenges, this creates risk.



A shower conversion improves safety by providing:

BENEFITS



Lower entry height



Slip-resistant flooring



Grab bars anchored into framing



Shower seating



Easier access



These changes can dramatically reduce fall risk.

Before starting a project, there is one more important step.



WHAT TO ASK A CONTRACTOR BEFORE STARTING



QUESTIONS

-  Do you have experience with accessibility projects?
-  Can you provide required documentation for VA approval?
-  Do you understand safety installation standards?
-  Will your estimate meet VA requirements?

CONTRACTOR ID SECTION

Example:

Blue Mountain Bathrooms is registered in the VA contractor system with **Builder ID 00612**

This is provided so Veterans understand what legitimate contractors should be able to provide.

CONTRACTOR ID SECTION

Do not start a project before confirming documentation requirements.
Failure to do so may prevent reimbursement.



A MESSAGE TO VETERANS

Bathroom safety is not about luxury

_____ It is about _____



Independence



Comfort at home



Safety

Many Veterans delay upgrades simply because they don't know what options exist.

**If you're exploring improvements,
consider speaking with:**

Your VA provider

A Veteran Service Officer

A contractor familiar with
accessibility upgrades

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