Medications can help you feel better and manage serious illnesses. However, it is important to know about side effects, interactions, and how they can increase your risk of falling.

**TIPS FOR REDUCING FALLS**

1. Bring all your medications (including vitamins, herbal remedies, and over-the-counter drugs) to your doctor or pharmacist to review.
2. Ask about ways medicines can interact with each other, especially if you take 4 or more.
3. Mention if you have side effects after taking medication, such as dizziness or drowsiness.
4. Using the same pharmacy for all prescriptions makes it easier to check for problems.
5. Alcohol can affect the way medicines work.

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