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A Blueprint for the Prevention of Falls and Related Injuries Among Older Persons in British Columbia

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The purpose of the Blueprint for the Prevention of Falls and Related Injuries Among Older Persons in British Columbia is to take fall prevention from isolated, time-limited projects to a fully integrated approach where evidence-based strategies become an integral part of all policies and practices affecting the health and safety of older persons in B.C. To this end, this document maps our progress, defines our challenges and to sets direction for the future for a province-wide strategic approach to the prevention of falls and related injury among older persons in British Columbia.

This presentation will cover the current evidence for fall-related mortality and morbidity in B.C., along with highlights from an inventory of existing policies, programs and stakeholders addressing the prevention of falls and related injuries. Also featured are the collaborative steps taken for the development of the Blueprint and plans for future strategic advances in fall and related injury prevention in B.C.