

# Dangers for Elderly Revealed As Queen Spends Time on "Throne" With Tummy Bug

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It emerged earlier this week that Her Majesty the Queen was admitted to London's King Edward VII's hospital on Sunday, as a precautionary measure, and was assessed for symptoms of gastroenteritis.

Commonly, this condition of the stomach causes the unfortunate sufferer to spend a lot of time on the "throne".

In the Queen's case, it was the first time she'd stayed in hospital for 10 years.

However, approximately 20% of people in England are affected each year, to a greater or lesser degree.

On top of the actual risk of dehydration and/or other issues with the bug itself, the bathroom can be a dangerous place for the elderly or infirm, especially when people are weakened.

Bathroom expert Robert Muhl of Ocean Bathrooms offered his advice:

"Tummy bugs afflict us all but the older you are the more debilitating this illness is. Apparently women of the Queens age are more susceptible to falling down in the bathroom and in fact 1 in 5 women actually require hospital treatment for fractures, most commonly the hip. I think that the doctors were very wise to hospitalise the Queen while she was in this weakened state. It's worth checking out the bathroom of any elderly person, making sure that that there are no sharp corners or slippery mats and if someone should fall there is enough space to get up with the help of a well placed grab rail. We all want to live independently in our own homes for as long as possible but we have to be more aware of the dangers of falling in small spaces.

Unfortunately, most people only consider the utilitarian issues of a bathroom when they need to go to the toilet. Of course, the bathroom is one of the most important rooms in the home. The older we get, the more important it is to have a suitable, easy access bathroom designed for convenience and comfort"

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Robert was keen to point out that designing a practical, stylish bathroom was offered for free on the Ocean Bathroom website (<http://www.oceanbathrooms.com/style2>).

"People can choose their own bathroom online and have a fully integrated bathroom makeover (<http://www.oceanbathrooms.com/style2>) with all options and prices available to them" he explained.

"This new online bathroom design service (<http://www.oceanbathrooms.com/style2>) enables anyone to enter the dimensions of their bathroom, which then guides them through a check list which ultimately allows them to receive a fully customised virtual bathroom makeover to view at their leisure in their own home whether they live in a caravan or a castle.

The Queen herself could use the online system and I'm sure she'd be delighted with the makeover she'd receive" he said.

Robert's bathroom design service (<http://www.oceanbathrooms.com/style2>) is the latest step in a long line of inventions and innovations dating back to when Thomas Crapper supplied bathrooms to the royalty back in the 1880's.

Visitors can access the innovative bathroom quotation and virtual makeover service (<http://www.oceanbathrooms.com/style2>) by visiting <http://www.oceanbathrooms.com/style2> .

For more information please call Ocean Bathrooms on 020 7096 4255, contact Ocean Bathrooms online, or visit <http://www.oceanbathrooms.com>

