

## Home Safety Survey

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Resident: \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment by: \_\_\_\_\_

This Home Safety Survey is designed to look for hazards in and around the house so they can be fixed before they cause problems. Home safety problems could lead to unintentional injuries from falls, burns, or poisoning. Falls can be a major problem for an elder. Falling can result in serious injury or loss of independence. This survey can be done by a CHA/P, CHR, or a family member.

	YES	NO
<b>Home Entrance</b>		
Steps and walkways in good repair; no broken edges or boards or other hazard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secure ramp installed if resident uses a wheelchair or finds stairs difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exterior stairs and landing are slippery when wet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Area on roof for ice/snow to accumulate and slide onto landing, stairs, or ramp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secure, sturdy railing on both sides that is easy to grasp with both hands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lights that light up a wide area of the yard and walkway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lock that does not need a key to open from inside (unless wandering is an issue)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mat, carpeting or textured floor in entryway to prevent slipping when wet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seat available for putting on and removing ice grippers or cleats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Living Areas</b>		
Doorways wide enough to use a walker, a wheelchair, or if carrying a load	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open pathways with no small furniture, clutter, or "stuff"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Throw rugs or mats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thresholds between rooms/floor textures are smooth with visible color contrast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric phone cords running under rugs or carpeting or across open areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frayed electric cords	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric outlets and switches overloaded (warm to the touch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lights can be turned on without walking across a dark room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sofas and chairs high and firm enough for easy sitting and rising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Castors and wheels on furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 working smoke detectors on every floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working carbon monoxide detector in the house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy access to telephone in every room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Bedroom</b>		
Throw rugs or mats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floor free from clutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Castors or rolling furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bed lower than back-of-knees height	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chair with armrests and firm seat to reduce falls while dressing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Night light of sufficient brightness (check brightness level for each resident)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light can be turned on without walking across a dark room (accessible from bed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pathway from bed to bathroom is free of obstacles (clutter, furniture, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone is within easy reach of the bed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	YES	NO
<b>Bathroom</b>		
Throw rugs or mats		
Non-skid floor surface in tub/shower		
Water temperature below scalding (below 120 degrees F)		
Glass shower doors		
Strong grab bars in shower/bath and near toilet		
Shower bench or seat with hand-held shower wand available		
Raised toilet seat if balance is a problem		
Night light of sufficient brightness (check brightness level for each resident)		
Light can be turned on without walking across a dark room		
<b>Kitchen</b>		
Doorways wide enough to use a walker, a wheelchair, or if carrying a load		
Floor waxed or slippery		
Throw rugs or mats		
Sturdy stepstool available for hard-to-reach items		
Most-often-used items stored between eye and knee level		
Cluttered work space near cooking areas		
Cleaning products are stored safely and separate from foods		
Working smoke detector		
Fire extinguisher easy to reach and use		
Things that can burn (flammables) near heat sources (stove, heater)		
<b>Interior stairways</b>		
Secure railing on both sides that is easy to grasp with both hands		
Open stairway with no shoes, books or other "stuff" cluttering them		
Steps are even with no crumbling edges, broken boards, or loose/torn carpet		
Light switches at the top and bottom of the stairs		
Adequate lighting the entire length of the stairway		

- » If any of the shaded boxes were checked, the elder may need help making the home safe.
- » Discuss these needs with the elder, family, your supervisor or regional elder program.

Other comments or concerns:

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