

Home Safety Checklist

Client Name: _____ Date: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Completed By: _____

Favored Healthcare Services is committed to ensure that upon the first visit to the client's home a Home Safety Inspection is performed by the RN/Supervisor to ensure that the environment is safe for the client and the staff. Please inspect the surrounding and answer the following questions by checking the appropriate box check.

SAFETY CRITERIA	YES	NO
Are there outside lights covering the sidewalks and/or other entrance ways?		
Are the steps & sidewalks in good repair and free from debris/material?		
Are the railings on the steps secured?		
Is there a functional peephole in the front door?		
Does the door have a deadbolt lock that does not require a key to open it from the inside (unless client has a tendency to wander)?		
GENERAL		
Is there an emergency plan in place?		
Are working smoke detectors installed?		
Is there a "ready-to-use" fire extinguisher(s) on the premises?		
Are inside halls and stairways free of clutter/debris?		
Are throw rugs removed?		
Are there sturdy handrails or banisters by all steps and stairs?		
Are electrical cords unfrayed and placed to avoid tripping?		
Are electric outlets/switches overloaded (e.g. warm to the touch)?		
Are rugs secured around the edges?		
Are hazardous products labeled and kept in a secure place?		
Is there a need for a stool to reach high shelves/cupboards?		
Is smoking paraphernalis handled safely (e.g. cigarettes put out)?		
Does anybody smoke in homes where oxygen is in use?		
Are all animals, on site, controlled?		
Is the home free from bugs, mice and/or animal waste?		
Are materials stored safely and at a proper height?		
Does the client wear an emergency response necklace/bracelet?		
MEDICATIONS		
Are all medications marked clearly?		
Are medications named?		
Are medications dated?		
Are instructions given as to how medications are to be taken?		
Are instructions given as to when medications are to be taken?		
SAFETY CRITERIA		
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES		
Are used needles placed in a sharp container?		
Is oxygen tubing kept off the walking path?		
Is medical equipment properly stored?		

LIVING AREAS			
Are doorways wide enough to carry loads through and get a wheelchair/walker through?			
Are light switches accessible so they can be turned on/off without walking across a dark room?			
Are sofas & chairs high and firm enough for easy sitting and rising?			
Is there a telephone in the room that is easily accessible from the bed?			
Is list of emergency telephone numbers by the telephone?			
Do telephone cords/electronic wires run across walking areas?			
Are there castors or wheels on furniture?			
Does sitting Furniture have armrests which are strong enough for getting in and out?			
BATHROOM			
Are there glass doors on the bathtub/shower?			
Is there a non-skid surface/mat in the bathtub/shower?			
Are there grab-bars on the bathtub/shower adjacent to the toilet?			
Is there a raised toilet seat (if client has trouble getting on/off toilet)?			
Is the water temperature below scalding (e.g. below 120 degrees)?			
Is there a shower bench/bath seat with a hand-held shower wand available?			
Does the bathroom have a night light?			
BEDROOM			
Are there any scatter rugs?			
Is the bed lower than "back-of-the-knee" height?			
Is there a chair with armrest & firm seat (to reduce falls while dressing)?			
Does furniture have castors or roll?			
Is there a telephone in the room that is easily accessible from the bed?			
Is list of emergency telephone numbers by the telephone?			
Is there a flashlight, light switch or lamp beside the bed?			
Is there a night light?			
KITCHEN			
Is the floor waxed or otherwise slippery?			
Are there any flammable items near the heat source?			
Do the "ON" buttons work on all appliances?			
Are items used the most stored between eye and knee level?			
Is there an uncluttered work space near the cooking area (to avoid having to carry items)?			
LIGHTING			
Is there adequate lighting in all stairways and hallways?			
Is there a light switch at both the top and bottom of stairs?			
Is there a light switch by the doorway of each room?			