Home Safety Assessment

Client Name:	Address:
Date:	

Completed by an **independent** party. Please insert a tick (✓) in the applicable column.

Entry	Yes	No	NA	Action required
Parking availability/ restrictions	○	○	○	
Gates easily accessed	○	○	○	
Pets secured away from working areas	○	○	○	
Pathways, porch & stairs unobstructed, even level, non-slippery	○	○	○	
Entry door unobstructed and opens easily	○	○	○	
Lighting adequate and working	○	○	○	

General Interior	Yes	No	NA	Action required
All exits unobstructed and easily opened	○	○	○	
Internal walls, ceilings, and floors intact	○	○	○	
No evidence of pests /infestation	○	○	○	
Smoke detectors in working order* (See note on page 3)	○	○	○	
All power points and light switches intact and accessible	○	○	○	
All power cords/boards, extensions intact and safely positioned and do not pose a trip hazard	○	○	○	
Any mats/rugs positioned safely and do not pose a trip hazard	○	○	○	
Adequate lighting	○	○	○	
Adequate ventilation	○	○	○	
Heaters unobstructed, include open fires guarded surrounds	○	○	○	

Carer Workspace	Yes	No	NA	Action required
Kitchen functional	○	○	○	
Cooking utensils/appliances clean and fit for purpose	○	○	○	
Unobstructed access to shower	○	○	○	
Unobstructed access to toilet	○	○	○	
Laundry is functional	○	○	○	
Bedrooms, lounge, dining rooms and hallways accessible	○	○	○	
Positioning of furniture does not pose a hazard	○	○	○	

Cleaning	Yes	No	NA	Action required
Adequate cleaning products available	○	○	○	
In original clearly labelled container	○	○	○	
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available (e.g. gloves), where requested and contractor not professional cleaning organisation.	○	○	○	
Broom and vacuum cleaner fit for purpose	○	○	○	
Mop and bucket fit for purpose (no manual wringing)	○	○	○	

Back/ Sliding property	Yes	No	NA	Action required
Pathway unobstructed, even level, non-slippery	○	○	○	
Stairs unobstructed, even level, non-slippery	○	○	○	
Rear door unobstructed and opens easily	○	○	○	
External lighting adequate and working	○	○	○	
Access to outbuildings unobstructed	○	○	○	
All power cords, extension leads and power boards safely positioned and do not pose a trip hazard	○	○	○	
Gardening/maintenance equipment for purpose	○	○	○	
Unobstructed access to garbage and recycling bins	○	○	○	

Safety Concerns when visiting the home

Your residence and the land upon which it is situated (your home) will be a workplace for carers. It is required that a safe working environment is provided.

Will others present during visit? If yes, please provide details	☐ Yes ☐ No
Any cognitive impairment that might put staff at risk? If yes, please provide details	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are there any other issues that may put staff at risk (biohazards, etc)? If yes, please provide details	☐ Yes ☐ No
Is a smoke-free environment to be available for carers?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the client (or others in the home) have a dependency on drugs or alcohol that may put the carer at risk?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If needles/sharps are used within the home for medical purposes – is there a sharps container for safe disposal?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are there pets in the home? Pets who pose a risk, or at the request of a carer, must be secured throughout the duration of the service delivery.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Client Covid Immunisation status of the client and those in the home the carer will be in contact with.	☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ Medically Exempt
Any additional comments	

Note: All homes in Victoria, NSW, Queensland, and South Australia are required to have a working smoke alarm. It is also a requirement for new homes and homes being renovated in the ACT, NT, Tasmania and WA.

Where no smoke alarm is installed, this should be organised in line with service provision. Regular testing and maintenance of smoke alarms is required. We will assist clients to carry out this task where neither they nor their family/friends are able to do so.

Clients are not permitted to smoke during carer visits. Where the client normally smokes in the house the use of high-sided ashtrays or sealed containers should be promoted.

If the client is assessed at higher risk due to health or lifestyle factors, extra smoke alarms should be installed.

Source: Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) Industry Feedback Alert (February 2013)

Issues requiring corrective action must be recorded in the client care plan (see sections 1. Physical Environment and 8. Risk Management) for monitoring and follow up including responsibility for completion.

Notes/Comments:

Checklist completed by: Date:

Signature:

With

Client / Representative name: Date:

Client / Representative signature: