

Safety Risk Assessment Guide

Staff making home visits are responsible to conduct a comprehensive safety risk assessment.
Use this tool to guide your assessment during the visit and then document identified risks as per procedures.

Hazards Inside the Client's Home	Multi-Tenant Dwellings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exits/doors are blocked • Stairs poorly maintained, missing rails • Floors are cracked, loose rugs, loose mats • Unsanitary environment • Concern of contagious conditions and/or communicable disease • Cluttered or cramped work area affecting ability to perform tasks safely • Electrical appliances, other equipment required to perform tasks in poor working order • Phone not available • No power • No running water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common stairs poorly maintained • Poorly lit hallway / stairwell • Common hallways are cluttered and full of debris • Exits and emergency exits are not visible or marked • Exits are blocked or non-functional • Elevator is non-functional / requires excessive stair climbing • Buzzer system not available / difficulty notifying client and entering the building • External door is locked during the day (cannot notify the client or gain access to building)
Hazards Associated with Getting to the Client's Home	Other Hazards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthy walk to client's home • Poorly lit parking lot/street • Parking lot poorly maintained • Client's property poorly maintained and/or not routinely cleared in winter months • City sidewalk not well maintained and/or not routinely cleared in winter months • House is in isolation • Home is located in an area that one might consider high-risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stray / improperly disposed of used needles/sharps/lancets inside or outside the home • Evidence of an infestation in the home/site e.g. rats, mice, roaches, bed bugs • Chemical hazards present • Mold (visible or odour) • Client has no emergency preparedness plan
Hazards Related to Client Care	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client may require more than a one-person assist to transfer or mobilize • Client is unable to communicate his/her basic needs effectively • Client presents with or has a recent history (in past week) of agitated or aggressive responsive behaviours • Medical condition present requiring special precaution • Equipment required to provide care is not available • Equipment available is inadequate or in poor condition 	