

SAFETY PRACTICE

HOME SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT

LET'S KEEP PATIENTS SAFE:

CONDUCT HOME SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENTS

**See your Home Care Program procedures /guidelines
Safety Assessment Form Tool (SAFT) and Safe Visit Plan (SVP)**

Prevent Client Harm

Preventing harm to clients, families and staff members is a safety priority. Use a home safety assessment to identify risks and improve safety.

Home Safety Risk Assessment

Your program identifies each client's community/home risks on the Home Safety Risk Assessment form. Safety plans are put into place to reduce the risks identified on the form.



Safety
First

Common Home Risks (can be Inside or Outside)

- Un-shoveled/icy walk way
- Cluttered home or floor
- Abusive/violent behaviors
- Improperly disposed sharps/needles in the home
- Free roaming animals in or around the home
- Infestation e.g. bed bug
- Exposure to second hand smoke

Common Home Safety Visit Plan Interventions



- Use safety equipment e.g. grab bars, sharps container
- Client reminders e.g. secure pets in separate area /no smoking before visit
- Visit client when another person is there e.g. family or staff
- Follow IP&C precautions e.g. for infestation
- Know where emergency exits are located

Communication & Documentation

- Home Safety Risk Assessment form is completed
- Risks and safety plans are documented & shared with workers providing care to client
- Report unsafe situations to your coordinator /manager
- Inform clients/families about their home safety issues & needed interventions

Evaluation

Home Care teams regularly update clients' Home Safety Risk Assessments & plans. Changes are communicated to staff members, client & family.

Need more information?

Contact your coordinator /supervisor /manager or quality safety lead.