



Community and Home Injury Prevention Program for Seniors (CHIPPS) Home Safety Assessment Checklist

Occupant Information	
First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	

Notes and Recommendations

YES	NO	N/A	Entering and exiting
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can occupant exit the home in case of emergency? (Are doors in working order?)

YES	NO	N/A	Lighting
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are stairs and entrances well lit?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there light switches at the top and bottom of stairs?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can occupant turn on a light without having to walk into a dark room?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a lamp within easy reach of the bed?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a night-light or other light source to light the path to the bathroom at night?

YES	NO	N/A	Clutter
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are lamp, extension, or phone cords out of the flow of traffic?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are passageways and stairways free from objects and clutter?

YES	NO	N/A	Portable Heaters and Electrical Cords
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are curtains and furniture at least 12 inches from baseboard or portable heaters?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do electrical cords run underneath rugs or carpets?

YES	NO	N/A	Rugs and Carpets
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do carpets lie flat? Are they free from holes?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do throw rugs and runners stay put (not slide/roll up) when pushed with a foot?

YES	NO	N/A	Kitchen
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the stove controls easy to use?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there towels and curtains that may catch fire near burners and oven? Does occupant wear loosely fitting clothing while cooking?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can occupant easily reach regularly used items?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does occupant have a step stool that is sturdy and in good repair?

YES	NO	N/A	Bedroom
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there any of the lighting problems mentioned earlier?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a phone within easy reach of the bed?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does occupant have a rule to turn off heating pad and/or electric blanket before falling asleep?

YES	NO	N/A	Bathroom
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the shower or tub have a non-skid surface (mat, decals, or abrasive strips)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the tub or shower have a sturdy grab-bar (not the towel rack)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	To prevent scalds, is the hot water temperature 120 degrees or lower?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does floor have a non-slip surface or rug have a non-skid backing?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can occupant get off and on the toilet easily?

YES	NO	N/A	Halls and Stairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do all outdoor stairways have securely fixed handrails?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do all indoor stairways have securely fixed handrails on both sides?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do handrails run the full length of the stairs, and slightly beyond the steps?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all the steps in good repair (none loose, broken, missing or worn)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are stair coverings (rugs, treads) in good repair, without holes and not loose, torn or worn?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are stairs free of clutter?

YES	NO	N/A	Smoke Detectors and Smoking Related Issues
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there one smoke detector on each level of the home?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the smoke detector batteries working?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does occupant test smoke detectors monthly and replace the batteries twice a year?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does occupant have a rule never to smoke in bed or while lying on the couch?

YES	NO	N/A	In Case of Emergency
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does occupant have an emergency exit plan in case of fire?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does occupant have emergency phone numbers listed?

Reminder: Please review all the “NO” responses, which indicate a need for change, and take necessary action.