

Accessibility and safety of premises checklist

Please indicate the appropriate response. A “No” answer means that the hazards should be assessed and control measures considered where the assessment indicates it is necessary.

Date of inspection:	
Address of premises:	

Accessibility and safety of premises	Yes/No	Nature of hazard identified/ Hazard report completed
Outside the residence		
Is it safe to park the vehicle on the road?		
Is the gate easy to open and close?		
Is the pathway from vehicle to house safe (e.g. lighting, steps, ramps, rail, trip hazards and overgrown vegetation)?		
Are pets restrained and/or non-threatening?		
Is there a safety switch on the switchboard?		
Are doorways clear, free from obstruction and easy to open and close?		
Are there any hazards presented by pools, dams or other waterways?		
Inside the residence		
General – Are the following safe?		
• floor surface (level and smooth)		
• access ways (level and uncluttered)		
• power points		
• electrical cords		
• temperature/humidity		
• lighting		
• position and design of furniture		
If there are tasks involving working at heights, is there a safe method of carrying out the work?		
Are smoke detectors fitted and appropriately situated?		
Are smoke detectors tested every three months? (sight evidence)		
Is there a fire evacuation plan in place?		
Is there appropriate domestic fire safety equipment (e.g. fire blanket, extinguisher)?		
Bathroom – Are the following safe?		
• access to shower, bath, toilet		
• floor surface (level, smooth and non-slip)		

• electrical equipment (e.g. leads on floor or heaters in bathroom)		
• water temperature easy to control		
• ventilation		
Kitchen – Are the following safe?		
• work heights including seating for meal assistance		
• floor surface (level and smooth)		
• electrical equipment and power points		
Laundry – Are the following safe?		
• location of washing machine		
• a table or trolley to reduce the need to bend or twist when loading and unloading the washing machine		
• floor surfaces		
• electrical cords (e.g. on ground, water on floor)		
• provision for soiled items		
Bedroom – Are the following safe?		
• space around the bed sufficient to perform tasks in comfortable posture		
• ventilation		
• power points and electrical leads		
• floor surface (level and uncluttered)		
Client/other people in residence		
Are appropriate management methods in place to manage:		
• a history of aggression or violence?		
• threats or aggression to staff in any way?		
• clients willing to participate and assist in care?		
• clients able to accept directions and instructions?		
• a situation that is particularly emotionally demanding?		
• evidence of a risk of infectious disease?		