Hazard Checklist

Listed below are potential hazards to your safety and health that you may encounter as a worker in client homes. These hazards are organized by type: **Slip/Trip, Lift, Electrical, Fire/Burn/Explosion, Environmental, and Pets/Pests.**

We are interested in the hazards that you have found to be difficult to discuss with clients and families. Please mark the hazards that you have seen or experienced in client homes. Feel free to list any other hazards that we have not listed below in the spaces provided below. Then, in the last column, please identify those that have been difficult to discuss with clients and families or those that resulted in a difficult conversation.

	Indicate which hazards you have seen or experienced in client homes Check (✓) all that apply	Has this ever resulted in a difficult conversation with a client/family, or a conversation you wish you could have had?	
		Yes	No
Slip/Trip Hazards			
Snow or Ice on Sidewalk, Ramps, Driveway, or Steps			
Clutter/ Objects on floor/furniture/stairs/in path of travel			
Area/throw rug			
Slippery/ wet surfaces (e.g. Grease or water on the floor; shower/bathtub)			
Damaged flooring/carpet			
Slippery objects on floor (e.g. dryer sheets)			
Furniture and/or objects in path of travel (e.g. laundry basket, coffee table, medical supplies)			
No handrail or handrail in poor condition on stairs			
Poor lighting (e.g. dark hallway; poorly lit stairs)			
Pets underfoot			
Other:			
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Lift Hazards			
Objects (e.g. furniture, clutter, excess bedding, medical supplies) limiting access to client; in the way			
Furniture too low (limiting ability to assist client with transfers – e.g. low couch; bed too high/too low)			
Sliding/glass shower doors			
Low toilet height			
Physically demanding patient handling/transfer situations (e.g. moderate/maximum assist transfer required; lack of equipment; client/family refusal to use equipment)			
Inappropriate equipment (e.g. chair in tub, towel rack, etc.) adaptive equipment.			
Missing adaptive equipment (e.g. grab bars, raised toilet seat; bedside commode).			
Other:			
Other:			

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Electrical Hazards			
Damaged, frayed, or tightly coiled electrical cord			
Electrical cord under rug			
Electrical cords close to water			
Damaged outlet (uncovered, broken cover, hanging)			
Lightbulb without protective cover			
Overloaded outlets or power strips			
Daisy-chaining power strips/surge protector or extension cords			
Electrical appliance too close to water			
Other:			
Other:			

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Fire/Burn/Explosion Hazards			
Unattended open flames (e.g. candle)			
No or not working smoke detector/alarm			
No or expired fire extinguisher			
"Oxygen in Use" Sign improperly displayed			
Oxygen tank improperly stored			
Oxygen tubing in furniture, bedding, clothes, rugs			
Smoldering ashes/ashtray (with oxygen in use)			
Unattended spark and oxygen in use			
Smoking with Oxygen			
Heat producing appliances plugged into a surge protector/power strip or extension cords			
Two or more heat producing appliances plugged into the same outlet, surge protector/power strip, or extension cord (e.g. toaster and coffee pot; blow drier and curling iron)			
Inappropriate use of cooking appliances (Improper use of microwave oven)			
Flammable objects on/in/near heat sources/heat-producing appliances (e.g. oxygen (tank, concentrator, tubing) near heater)			
Unattended heat-producing appliances turned on			
Dryer lint accumulated			
Water temperature (too hot)			
Space heater in bathroom			
Other:			
Other:			

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Environmental Hazards			
Air temperature in the home			
Dust on objects/furniture			
Clutter: Lack of adequate space for worker to sit/place materials Objects blocking exit Objects in the path of travel Potential for falling objects			
Biohazards on furniture/carpet/(bedside) commode (blood, waste, animal feces, clogged/messy toilet, etc.)			
Loud noise (e.g. from radio, TV, etc.)			
Chemical products not properly stored (e.g. bleach, paint thinner) or labeled			
Spoiled food			
No or non-working carbon monoxide detector/alarm			
Broken glass			
Sharps not properly disposed of			
Exposed nails in walls			
Water leakage			
Lack of soap			
Chemical air freshener			
Visible mold			
Other:			
Other:			
Other Pet and Pest Hazards			
Unrestrained dog, cat or other pet			
Roach/ant/mouse/fly traps visible			
Pests (e.g. roaches, ants, mice, flies, rats) visible			
Evidence of bed bugs			
Other:			

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