

FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL WALK THROUGH CHECKLIST

(This tool is only an example. Please adapt it to meet the needs of your facility and residents.)

Month /Year _____

Reviewed By _____

ELIMINATE HAZARDS

Hallways

- Hallways are free of equipment and low-lying objects.
- Sturdy handrails are in all areas traveled by residents.
- Unit exits are appropriately secured or wander-guard is regularly used.
- Non-movable hazards are marked with brightly colored tape, especially low objects (benches, water fountains, tables) or raised surfaces (steps, door thresholds).

Floors

- Hazardous areas (stairs, door stops) are marked with bright colors.
- Non-slip surfaces or mats are placed in frequently wet spots (e.g., doorways to common bathrooms, water fountains).
- Carpet edges are tacked or taped down.
- Floors are a solid color to avoid confusion for residents with cognitive impairments.

Furniture

- Furniture arrangement in common rooms allows for “hand holds” without becoming tripping hazards.
- Furniture is sturdy and does not easily tip or slide (e.g., no pedestal tables or bedside tables with wheels).
- Chairs have armrests, seat height is 15-17 inches, and seat depth is 16-20 inches.

Wheelchair

- Lock and unlock brakes. Brakes should engage tire 1/8 inch when locked and hold chair in place.

Lighting

- Lighting is adequate without excess glare in all resident areas.
- Burned-out bulbs are promptly replaced.
- Nightlights are in resident bathrooms.

Comments
