



TOOLKIT 18 · HOME CARE · TOOL 1 OF 4

First-Visit Home Safety Assessment

Falls, fire, medicines, equipment, mobility, the carer, and the worker's own safety — assessed on the first visit, reviewed every three months

Patient · address · phone · date · assessed by · main carer (name, phone)

Check	OK	Risk	Action / by whom
Falls			
Loose rugs, cables, clutter on walking routes	☐	☐	
Lighting adequate, night light to toilet	☐	☐	
Stairs with rails; bathroom with grab rails and non-slip surface	☐	☐	
Bed and chair at a height the patient can rise from	☐	☐	
Footwear and walking aid appropriate and used	☐	☐	
Fire, heating, environment			
Smoke alarm working; escape route clear	☐	☐	
Heating safe (no open flames near bedding, oxygen); adequate warmth	☐	☐	
Water supply and sanitation adequate for care; hand-washing possible	☐	☐	
Pets and smoking managed around wounds, oxygen and equipment	☐	☐	
Medicines and equipment			
Medicines stored safely, in date, one list (Tool 3)	☐	☐	
Oxygen: no smoking sign, cylinders secured, tubing safe	☐	☐	
Equipment (hoist, bed, commode, pump) serviced, and the carer trained to use it	☐	☐	
Sharps container and clinical waste arrangement	☐	☐	
Patient and carer			
Mobility and transfers — can be done safely by the number of people available	☐	☐	
Nutrition, hydration, continence needs met	☐	☐	
Carer: able, willing, trained, supported; signs of strain	☐	☐	
Cognition, mood, safeguarding concerns	☐	☐	
Worker safety (Tool 2)			
Aggressive or unpredictable people or animals in the home	☐	☐	
Access: parking, lighting, building security	☐	☐	
Lone-visit risk rating: low / medium / high — and the control agreed	☐	☐	

ASF standards: Home Care Standard 2 — home assessment; Standard 6 — lone-worker safety; Universal Floor — falls prevention