

# ASSESSMENT TOOL

Area	YES	NO	Location	Notes
<b>Trip Hazards</b>				
Are there loose throw rugs?				
Is there loose carpet or flooring?				
Is there clutter in walkways?				
<b>Bathroom</b>				
Are there properly placed grab bars in the tub or shower area?				
Is there a non-skid floor in tub or shower?				
Do they need a transfer bench or shower seat?				
Do they need a hand-held shower head attachment (need a transfer bench)?				
Is their anti-scald device or water temperature set correctly?				
Is the bath mat anti-slip?				
Are outlets equipped with GFI?				
Are lighting levels adequate/nightlight?				
Is the toilet accessible so they can get on and off safely?				
Is bathroom door accessible for width and turn radius (for wheelchair or walker)?				
<b>Stairways and Handrails</b>				
Do all step/stairs have at least 1 handrail which is secure and a proper length?				
Do treads have non-skid tape in contrasting color?				
Is there contrasting color between floors and steps?				
Do all of the stairways and steps have adequate lighting?				
Is there clutter on steps or landings?				
<b>Lighting Issues</b>				
Do all light bulbs and switches work with proper light wattage?				
Is there adequate light in travel areas, especially at night?				
Is there adequate lighting in task areas, kitchen, bedroom and reading areas?				
Is there security lighting for exterior steps and walkways?				
<b>Entry to House</b>				
Is the person is able to come and go from the house with ease/safely?				
Do the sidewalks pose a trip hazard (broken and/or missing pieces)?				
Do exterior steps have secure handrail?				
Are exterior steps in good condition?				
Are exterior steps free of snow, ice or water?				
<b>HVAC</b>				
Does the heating/cooling system work?				
Is the thermostat operational and understandable?				
Have furnace filters been changed and/or radiators bled?				
Are there hot or cold areas in the house?				
<b>Plumbing</b>				
Do all hot and cold faucets work?				
Are there any dripping faucets, running toilets or signs of leaking pipes?				
Is there a scald preventer on tub/shower and/or is water heater at a safe temp.?				
Do all drain systems work properly?				
<b>Electrical Issue</b>				
Do outlets and switches function?				
Is there a GFI outlet in the bathroom and kitchen?				
Are electrical heaters, microwaves and toasters safe and plugged directly into grounded wall outlet?				
Do the refrigerator and freezer work?				
<b>Fire Safety</b>				
Are carbon monoxide detectors in the correct place and functioning?				
Are smoke detectors in the correct place and functioning?				
Is there clutter/flammables around stoves and heaters?				
Is the emergency exit clear of debris and illuminated?				
Are house numbers clearly visible on the front and back of house (and in alley)?				
<b>Pests and Mold</b>				
Are there signs of pests, bedbugs, ants, cockroaches, or other infestations?				
Is there sign of mold in the basement or other damp, dark areas?				
<b>Overall Air Quality</b>				
Are kitchen and bathroom(s) ventilated to remove moisture and/or odors?				
<b>Doors</b>				
Do doors close and latch?				
Is there a lock that turns easily?				
<b>Windows</b>				
Is all glass intact?				
Do windows operate easily?				
Do windows lock?				
<b>Roofs, Siding, and Insulation</b>				
Are there any signs of water leaks on interior ceilings?				
Is any siding cracked, broken or missing?				
Is caulking around doors and windows intact?				
<b>Exterior Sidewalks, Drainage, and Vegetation</b>				
Are sidewalks missing pieces or have cracks that are trip hazards?				
Does water drain away from the foundation and sidewalks?				
<b>Other Considerations</b>				
Does the homeowner have a working flashlight that is easily reachable?				
Does the doorbell work (vision assisted)?				
Is there an easily readable emergency contact sheet posted in critical places?				
Do the washer and dryer work?				
Is there an emergency kit, including first aid, updated and accessible?				

## Color Key

Yellow rows = Safety-related issues

Orange rows = Issues that make a home uninhabitable