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Home Safety Checklist
 A checklist for Families to assess their own homes

	Yes	No	Action Required
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, overgrown trees/grass, trip hazards)?			
Do pets need to be restrained for visitors?			
Is grass well maintained?			
Are doorways clear, free from obstruction and easy to open and close?			
Inside the residence			
Are the following safe?			
1. Floor surface – Are they slippery or uneven?			
2. Power points – do you have safety switches at your power board?			
3. Electrical cords – are they in good order?			
4. Temperature/ Humidity – is the home too hot, cold or stuffy?			
5. Lighting- is there adequate lighting to carry out complex or detailed tasks?			
6. Position and design of furniture – is there enough room to move around easily?			
7. If there are tasks involving heights, is there a safe method of carrying out the work?			
Do you have working smoke alarms, a fire extinguisher and an exit plan for the home?			
Bathroom			
Are the following safe?			
1. Access to shower and/or bath			
2. Floor surface – is it slippery when wet?			
3. Electrical equipment (e.g. leads on floor or heaters in bathroom)			
Kitchen			
Are the following safe?			
1. Stove			
2. Floor surface – is it slippery when wet?			
3. Electrical equipment and power points			
Laundry			
Are the following safe?			
1. Location of washing machine			
2. Space nearby for loading the machine			
3. Floor surface –is it slippery when wet?			

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4. Electrical cords (e.g. on ground, water on floor)			
Bedroom			
Are the following safe?			
1. Space around the bed sufficient for providing care			
2. Ventilation			
3. Power points & electrical leads			
4. Floor surface			
Manual Tasks			
If your family member requires manual assistance with daily living tasks:			
1. Is there a safe method for transferring a person up or down stairs?			
2. Can you handle your family member without requiring the assistance of a second person?			
3. Do you have adequate mechanical aids to assist?			
4. Is the item suitable for the task?			
5. Is the equipment easy to use?			
6. Is the item easily accessible?			
7. Is the item easily transported?			
Transport			
Does your vehicle allow you to: -			
1. Transfer your family member safely into or out of the vehicle, and			
2. Secure him or her inside the vehicle?			
Hazardous substances			
Hazardous substances in the household may include such chemicals as methylated spirits, caustic soda, general cleaning agents, medicine and others.			
1. Is everyone aware of emergency procedures in case of an accident involving the substance?			
2. Are substances in original containers?			
3. Are containers clearly labeled?			
4. Are substances stored appropriately (out of reach of children?)			
5. Is personal protective equipment available for work with the substance?			
6. Is there an exhaust fan or open window for adequate ventilation, when using a substance?			
First Aid			
Do you have adequate and current first aid supplies readily available?			