

Smart Medical Home Health Safety and Equipment Resource Packet



Your partner in providing compassionate care.

Welcome to the Smart Medical Family!

At Smart Medical, we believe everyone deserves to receive care that helps them livesafely and comfortably at home. We are dedicated to supporting your efforts to provide the best possible care for your clients. This packet provides quick reference information to help you identify potential safety and equipment needs in the home.

Remember, we are here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Smart Medical Home Safety Guide



Home Safety Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide during home visits to identify potential safety hazards and equipment needs. Aides identify and report needs, but only licensed clinicians (nurses, PTs, OTs) determine equipment requirements and place orders.

Entryways & Hallways

- Adequate lighting
- Clear pathways (no tripping hazards)
- Secure handrails on stairs
- Ramps for wheelchair access
- Non-slip surfaces

Living Areas

- Stable furniture
- Accessible outlets
- Cordless window coverings
- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors installed and working

Bathrooms

- Grab bars in shower/toilet area
- Non-slip mats
- Raised toilet seat
- Walk-in shower or shower chair

Bedrooms

- Adjustable bed height
- Bed rails (if needed)
- Easy access to call button/phone

Kitchens

- Accessible countertops
- Clearly labeled controls on appliances
- Fire extinguisher

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Reporting & Workflow

1. **Aide Observation:** During home visits, aides use the Home Safety Checklist to observe and identify potential safety concerns and equipment needs.
2. **Aide Reporting:** Aides promptly report their observations to the supervising nurse or case manager.
3. **Clinician Assessment:** Licensed clinicians (RN, PT, OT) conduct a comprehensive assessment to determine the client's specific equipment and home modification needs.
4. **Order Placement:** The clinician places the equipment order with Smart Medical, a trusted, fast-response partner for equipment and home modifications, and we welcome referrals.
5. **Delivery & Setup:** Smart Medical delivers and sets up the equipment according to the clinician's orders.
6. **Ongoing Monitoring:** The aide continues to monitor the client's safety and equipment needs during subsequent visits.

Urgent Needs—Contact ASAP

Urgent needs include hospital discharges within 24–48 hours, unsafe bed mobility, lack of bathroom access, or malfunctioning oxygen equipment.

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Home Modification Menu

Consider these modifications to improve client safety and independence:

- **Ramps:** Provide safe access to the home for individuals using wheelchairs or walkers.
- **Grab Bars:** Installed in bathrooms to provide support and prevent falls.
- **Raised Toilet Seats:** Make it easier and safer to sit and stand.
- **Walk-in Showers:** Eliminate the need to step over a tub wall, reducing the risk of falls.
- **Stair Lifts:** Allow individuals with mobility issues to safely navigate stairs.
- **Transfer Poles (SuperPoles):** Provide support for standing and transferring.
- **Interior step railings:** Enhance stability on interior steps

Equipment Solutions

Mobility Aids:

- Walkers
- Wheelchairs
- Canes

Bathroom Safety:

- Shower chairs
- Bath benches
- Toilet safety frames

Bed Equipment:

- Adjustable beds
- Bed rails
- Overbed tables

Oxygen & Respiratory:

- Oxygen concentrators
- Nebulizers

Smart Medical is a trusted partner for quality home health equipment and modifications. We are here to support you in providing excellent care. Contact us today to learn more!

Next Steps

Keep this resource packet handy for quick reference. Contact Smart Medical to discuss specific client needs or schedule an equipment demonstration. We are committed to working with you to create a safe and supportive home environment for your clients.