

RISK ASSESSMENT

Health

- Cannot use bathtub/shower
- Cannot access toilet
- Garbage/Trash Overflow
- Cannot prepare food
- Cannot sleep in bed
- Cannot use stove/fridge/sink
- Presence of spoiled food
- Presence of feces/Urine (human or animal)
- Cannot locate medications or equipment
- Presence of insects/rodents
- Presence of mold or chronic dampness

Notes: _____

Obstacles

- Cannot move freely/safely in home
- Inability for EMT to enter/gain access
- Unstable piles/avalanche risk
- Egresses, exits or vents blocked or unusable

Notes: _____

Mental health (Note that this is not a clinical diagnosis; use only to identify risk factors)

- Does not seem to understand seriousness of problem
- Does not seem to accept likely consequence of problem
- Defensive or angry
- Anxious or apprehensive
- Unaware, not alert, or confused

Notes: _____

Endangerment (evaluate threat based on other sections with attention to specific populations listed below)

- Threat to health or safety of child/minor
- Threat to health or safety of older adult
- Threat to health or safety of person with disability
- Threat to health or safety of animal
- Threat to neighbor with common wall

Notes: _____

Structure & Safety

- Unstable floorboards/stairs/porch
- Flammable items beside heat source
- Storage of hazardous materials/weapons
- Leaking roof
- Caving walls
- Electrical wires/cords exposed
- No heat/electricity
- No running water/plumbing problems
- Blocked/unsafe electric heater or vents

Notes: _____

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Household Composition

of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # and kinds of Pets _____

Ages of adults: _____ Ages of children: _____ Person who smokes in home Yes No

Person(s) with physical disability _____ Language(s) spoken in home _____

Assessment Notes:

Risk Measurements

Imminent Harm to self, family, animals, public: _____

Threat of Eviction: _____

Threat of Condemnation: _____

Capacity Measurements

Instructions: Place a check mark by the items that represent the strengths and capacity to address the hoarding problem

Awareness of clutter

Willingness to acknowledge clutter and risks to health, safety and ability to remain in home/impact on daily life

Physical ability to clear clutter

Psychological ability to tolerate intervention

Willingness to accept intervention assistance

Capacity Notes:

Post-Assessment Plan/Referral

Date: _____ Client Name: _____ Assessor: _____

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Instructions for Use

- **HOMES** Multi-disciplinary Hoarding Risk Assessment provides a structural measure through which the level of risk in a hoarded environment can be conceptualized.
- It is intended as an *initial* and *brief* assessment to aid in determining the nature and parameters of the hoarding problem and organizing a plan from which further action may be taken-- including immediate intervention, additional assessment or referral.
- **HOMES** can be used in a variety of ways, depending on needs and resources. It is recommended that a visual scan of the environment in combination with a conversation with the person(s) in the home be used to determine the effect of clutter/hoarding on **H**ealth, **O**bstacles, **M**ental Health, **E**ndangerment and **S**tructure in the setting.
- The Family Composition, Imminent Risk, Capacity, Notes and Post-Assessment sections are intended for additional information about the hoarded environment, the occupants and their capacity/strength to address the problem.