



Accreditation: ROP of the Month

Required Organizational Practice: Home Safety Risk Assessment

WHAT IS HOME SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT?

- A safety risk assessment is conducted for clients receiving services in their home.
- Although the Home Care Team may have little control over risk in a client's home environment, a home safety risk assessment can enhance the safety of clients, families and team members involved in home health services.

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- A safety risk assessment is conducted for each client at the beginning of service.
- **The home safety risk assessment includes: assessment of a client's falls risk, skin and wound care, client risk factors and medical conditions requiring special considerations, and emergency preparedness.**
- The Home Care Team uses this information for planning and delivering client services, and shares this information with partners who may be involved in planning of care.
- The team educates clients and families on the safety issues identified in the risk assessments.

This ROP is applicable to Home Care Services only.

Questions Accreditation Canada Surveyors May Ask Home Care Staff:

- Does your team complete a home safety risk assessment? What assessments are completed as part of this assessment?
- How often is the home safety risk assessment completed?
- How are clients and families involved in home safety risk assessments?