

# Home Safety Checklist

When a worker comes to your home to assist you, your home is their workplace. This means that you are responsible for making sure that your home is safe for them to work in. You can do this by:

- Using the table below to check for any safety risks in your home.
- Sharing this checklist and telling the worker, your family, or a trusted friend if you think something is not safe.
- Following advice that your family, worker or friend gives you that makes your home safer.

The checklist below should be completed:

- Before a new worker attends your home,
- when service provisions or home environment change and
- annually

Outside your home	Yes	No
House number visible from street		
Nearby parking for worker		
Entry/Exit to your home is free of clutter (nothing in the way)		
Entry/Exit doors open and close easily and in good repair		
Entry/Exit to your home is well-lit and easily accessible at night		
Path, walkways, and stairs useable and in good repair		
Stairs, ramps, verandas, or balconies have handrails in good working order		
Gardens and lawn kept neat and are not affecting entry/exit		
Easy access to the electricity meter box in case of emergency		
Electricity meter box has a safety switch (RCD) installed		
Pets	Yes	No
Large, excitable, or aggressive pets restrained		
Any friendly pets in the home are kept under control while workers are working		
Worker has been told of pets and asked about any allergies they may have		
Others	Yes	No
Others you live with are aware of the worker attending your home		
The worker has been told of others you live with		
Others have been given advice about rules while the home is a workplace, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No smoking, drugs, or alcohol</li> <li>• Respectful behaviours and language</li> <li>• No threats, violence, or aggression</li> </ul>		

<b>Inside your home</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Entry/exits, rooms and hallways allow enough room for workers to move around		
Smoke detectors installed and working		
There is enough lighting in all rooms to see clearly		
There is enough air circulation in your home		
There is enough clear space for work to be carried out		
Floors are kept clean and clear (nothing to trip on)		
Mobile phone coverage or access to a landline phone		
Bathroom and kitchen kept in clean working order with hand washing supplies (soap and handtowel)		
Electrical fittings, appliances and equipment are in safe working order (no exposed wiring or missing parts)		
A first aid kit is available and has all necessary items		
An emergency plan has been completed for your home		
Any chemicals are kept in their original containers, labelled, and stored correctly		
Stairs, ramps, verandas, or balconies have handrails in good working order		
All equipment the worker will be using is accessible and in good working order, including mobility aides, shower chairs, hoists, etc ...		

**Any box ticked 'No' is a safety risk. Talk to the worker and the people you live with on how to fix the issue.**

Completed by:

For home at (address):

Date: