

HOMES[®] Multi-disciplinary Hoarding Risk Assessment

Health

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

Notes: _____

Obstacles

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot move freely/safely in home | <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable piles/avalanche risk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inability for EMT to enter/gain access | <input type="checkbox"/> Egresses, exits or vents blocked or unusable |

Notes: _____

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not seem to understand seriousness of problem | <input type="checkbox"/> Defensive or angry | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaware, not alert, or confused |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not seem to accept likely consequence of problem | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxious or apprehensive | |

Notes: _____

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to health or safety of child/minor | <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to health or safety of person with disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to neighbor with common wall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to health or safety of older adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to health or safety of animal | |

Notes: _____

Structure & Safety

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable floorboards/stairs/porch | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaking roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical wires/cords exposed | <input type="checkbox"/> No running water/plumbing problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flammable items beside heat source | <input type="checkbox"/> Caving walls | <input type="checkbox"/> No heat/electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Blocked/unsafe electric heater or vents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storage of hazardous materials/weapons | | | |

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.