

Checklist: Proper Care for Person's Environment

Proper Care for Person's Environment	Able to Perform	Unable to Perform
1. Review the person's care plan, safety needs, and environmental preferences before providing care.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Perform hand hygiene before entering the care environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Introduce yourself and explain the purpose of environmental care activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Respect the person's privacy, dignity, and personal belongings throughout the procedure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Ensure adequate lighting is available in the room while maintaining the person's comfort.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Check that pathways are clear of clutter, cords, furniture hazards, and other obstacles that may cause falls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Ensure floors are dry, clean, and free from slip hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Verify that mobility aids, walkers, wheelchairs, or canes are within safe reach if needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Ensure the bed is in the lowest safe position unless care activities require otherwise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Lock wheels on beds, wheelchairs, and other equipment when stationary.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Confirm that call lights, communication devices, and personal items are within the person's reach.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Check that frequently used items such as water, tissues, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and mobility devices are accessible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Maintain appropriate room temperature and ventilation according to the person's comfort and facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Observe the environment for infection control concerns including soiled linens, overflowing trash, or contaminated surfaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Use standard precautions and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when handling contaminated materials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Dispose of trash, linens, and biohazard materials according to Oregon infection control and OSHA guidelines.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Change bed linens according to facility policy and the person's needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Keep clean linens separate from soiled linens at all times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Ensure furniture and equipment are clean, stable, and functioning properly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces according to facility infection prevention procedures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Check that oxygen equipment, tubing, and electrical cords are positioned safely to prevent injury.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Follow fire safety procedures and ensure exits and emergency pathways remain unobstructed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Observe for unsafe conditions such as broken equipment, sharp objects, spills, or exposed wires and report concerns immediately.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Encourage the person to participate in maintaining their environment as appropriate to their abilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Support person-centered care by honoring personal preferences regarding room arrangement and belongings whenever possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Maintain confidentiality and avoid exposing personal information within the care environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Perform hand hygiene after completing environmental care tasks and after glove removal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28.	Document environmental concerns, safety issues, completed tasks, and observations according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29.	Report any changes in the person's condition or safety concerns to the supervising nurse or appropriate staff member immediately.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30.	Maintain compliance with Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), OSHA, and facility safety standards throughout care activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>