

**Checklist for Choosing a Residential/Personal Care Home**  
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We are pleased to provide you with a checklist that will help you choose a residential/personal care home for your loved one. Please request additional information of your choice that will allow you to make an informed decision.

Name of Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Operator Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Visit to Home:**

Time and Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tour Conducted by: \_\_\_\_\_

- | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the home accessible to the handicapped?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the home participate in state assisted programs?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the home provide medication assistance?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the home's smoking policy acceptable to you?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the home neat, clean, and is the temperature comfortable?                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the furniture and décor safe, comfortable and attractive?                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the atmosphere pleasant, cheerful, and stimulating?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the residents seem properly bathed, dressed and groomed?                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the residents seem comfortable, well cared for and content?                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | How does the staff interact with and talk to the residents?                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the home have grab bars at commodes and bathtubs?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do bathing areas have non-slip surfaces?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all areas including individual living quarters, bathrooms, kitchen and storage areas clean? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are private telephones accessible to all residents?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are nutritious snacks offered between meals and before bedtime?                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the home monitor resident food intake to ensure proper nutrition?                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the home offer special diets? Is there an additional charge for this service?              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the home adhere to a strict mealtime, and is food strictly unavailable at other times?     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the residents involved in activities planned by the home?                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a Dr. and/or Nurse that makes house calls available?                                   |

**Homes with more than three residents**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the home's license posted? Homes serving three or less do not require a license. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the home's policies and procedures available for review?                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a list of activities posted?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the menu posted?   |