

# Assisted Living Residence Checklist

## Shared Living Space Observations

- Yes**    **No**   Residence is clean and odor-free
- Yes**    **No**   You are greeted and feel welcome
- Yes**    **No**   Staff members are kind and caring to residents
- Yes**    **No**   The layout and floor plan make rooms and community space easy to find
- Yes**    **No**   Public restrooms have grab bars
- Yes**    **No**   Handrails are available throughout hallways
- Yes**    **No**   Residents appear engaged and happy
- Yes**    **No**   Visitors are introduced to staff and residents
- Yes**    **No**   Meals are nutritious and appealing
- Yes**    **No**   Elevators are available for multiple levels
- Yes**    **No**   Lighting is good at all times of day
- Yes**    **No**   Temperature comfortable
- Yes**    **No**   Sprinklers and smoke detectors are present
- Yes**    **No**   Exits are clearly marked
- Yes**    **No**   A security system is present

## Apartment Living Space Observations

- Yes**    **No**   Size and layout are adequate for your needs
- Yes**    **No**   Doorways and thresholds accommodate walkers, wheelchairs, and safe ambulation
- Yes**    **No**   Residents appear engaged and happy
- Yes**    **No**   Visitors are introduced to staff and residents
- Yes**    **No**   Meals are nutritious and appealing
- Yes**    **No**   Lighting is good
- Yes**    **No**   Resident has individual control of the thermostat

## Medical and Medication Policies

- Yes**    **No**   Is self-administration of medications allowed?
- Yes**    **No**   Can staff communicate policies about medications including storage, administration, and record keeping?
- Yes**    **No**   Can residents with dementia receive the oversight they may need?
- Yes**    **No**   Is there a physician who visits the facility regularly?
- Yes**    **No**   What medical services are available?
- Yes**    **No**   What is the policy about handling a medical emergency?
- Yes**    **No**   Who coordinates outside care provider visits?

## General Policy Questions

- Yes**    **No**   Is an individual plan of care maintained on each resident?
- Yes**    **No**   Are the residents and families included in the preparation of the plan of care?
- Yes**    **No**   Is staff available to assist residents in handling their finances?
- Yes**    **No**   Are residents required to carry renter's insurance?
- Yes**    **No**   Is there an appeals process for dissatisfied residents?

## Questions to ask when you call or visit:

- 1.** What types of apartments are available?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2.** What is the monthly cost per apartment type?

- 3.** If there is a wait list, how many are on it and what is the policy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4.** How many of the apartment types you are looking for are there?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5.** Tell me about some of the current residents.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6.** What is your staff-to-resident ratio?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7.** Can staff administer medications?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8.** Do you have any outdoor space?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 9.** Do you have a nurse on staff?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 10.** What kind of experience does your staff possess?

