

Fire Safe at Home Risk Assessment

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This form is used to assess a client's characteristics and/or behaviours that could pose potential fire risk and/or impact on their capacity to evacuate and understand personal safety. Depending on the nature of the fire risk posed by a client's characteristics and/or behaviours, several options and strategies should be considered to address the situation. Recommendations are provided.

Name of client/person	
Full address	

Date	Click or tap to enter a date.	Form completed by	
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1. Does the individual have an increase fire risk?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, tick all the fire risk factors they exhibit	<input type="checkbox"/> smoking - signs of unsafe use of smoking (e.g. smoking in bed, falling asleep whilst smoking)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of emollient creams that are petroleum or paraffin based
	<input type="checkbox"/> Air mattress or oxygen cylinders are used
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe use of portable heaters (e.g. placed too close to materials that could catch fire)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe cooking practices (e.g. cooking left unattended or stove left on)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Overloading electrical sockets/adaptors or extension leads.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Faulty or damaged electrical wiring
	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric blankets used.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous fires or near misses, burns, scorch marks on carpets and/or furniture.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood fire or heat pump
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe use of candle/tea light use (e.g., left too close to curtains or other items that could catch fire or within easy reach of children or pets).
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant hoarding: Clutter Image Rating if available:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
<input type="checkbox"/> No Skip to the next question	

2. Would the individual be less able to react to an alarm of a fire, e.g. smoke alarm?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, tick all the fire risk factors they exhibit	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health issues (e.g. anxiety and/or depression).
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive or a health condition affecting decision-making (e.g. dementia).
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol dependent or use of prescription or recreational drugs.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory impairments (hard of hearing or sight loss).
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
<input type="checkbox"/> No Skip to the next question	

3. Does the individual have a reduced ability to escape?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, tick all the fire risk factors they exhibit	<input type="checkbox"/> Have reduced ability, are frail, slow movement or has a history of falls
	<input type="checkbox"/> Blind or vision impaired.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacks capacity to understand what to do in an event of a fire.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Would be unable to unlock front door to escape.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Is a hoarder, or there are cluttered or blocked escape routes.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Are bed or chair bound
	<input type="checkbox"/> Would be unable to unlock front door to escape
<input type="checkbox"/> No Skip to the next question	<input type="checkbox"/> Reliant on others to escape
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reliant on aids to escape (e.g. stair lift, wheelchair, walker etc.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

4. Is there any fire safety equipment fitted within the home?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke alarms are in date, working and maintained
	If yes, which rooms are they fitted:
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke alarms are linked to the client's personal alarm
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing impaired smoke alarm in date, working and maintained
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire blanket
	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke alarms are interconnected <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke alarms not interconnected
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher

5. What to do next?

Any questions that have been answered 'Yes', or you have identified that there are no working smoke alarms fitted, (or they are broken or incorrectly installed), suggests there is an increased risk of fire. Immediate actions are required to ensure safety measures are in place. Depending on the nature of the fire risk posed by the client's characteristics and/or behaviour, several options and strategies should be considered to address the situation. It is important to note that any behaviour issues should be documented and addressed as part of a care support plan. Further action may include:

- Providing the client with the TFS home fire safety guide and relevant fact sheets.
- Discussing the identified risks with your client and/or their family members.
- Discussing referral for supports and/or installation of fire safety equipment.
- If a Care Plan exists, document actions taken to mitigate risks in the plan.
- If you are employed by an organisation, discuss and pass this checklist to your Line Manager.
- If applicable, inform the Housing Provider that there is an increased risk to fire of the occupant.

The TFS website contains home fire safety education resources to provide your client and to use to discuss fire safety. Fact sheets and bulk ordering of booklets can be accessed online fire.tas.gov.au



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Prevention	Early Warning of a fire is essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is safer not to smoke; but anyone who does should try to smoke outside and always make sure cigarettes are put out properly. • Never smoke in bed, or anywhere else, if there's a chance of falling asleep. • Use high sided ashtrays and fire-retardant bedding, nightwear and throws. • Ensure paraffin based emollient creams are replaced with non-flammable alternatives. • Candles, tea lights and incense burners should only be placed in stable, heat-resistant holders. Keep these items or any other type of naked flame well away from curtains, furniture and clothes. • Sit and have items at least two metres away from heaters and keep them well away from anything that can catch alight. • Don't overload electrical sockets. • Close all doors at night as this helps to prevent fire and smoke spreading. • Switch off and unplug electrical items such as TVs and avoid charging devices like mobile phones whilst asleep. • Regularly clean chimneys and flues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit smoke alarms on every level of the home and in every room where people sleep. • Fitting multiple interconnected smoke alarms, that all activate together, is the best way to be alerted in the event of a fire. For some, smoke alarms linked to a personal alarm may also be beneficial. • Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape e.g. strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for the deaf or hard of hearing. • Clean smoke alarms to remove dust and cobwebs every six months and test all alarms monthly. <p>Escape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure escape routes are kept clear of anything that may slow down or block exit routes. • Ensure security locks can be easily opened from the inside without the need for a key. Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them. • Mobility aids and any methods of calling for help should always be kept close to hand (e.g. mobile phone, link alarm/pendant). • Know how to call 000.

Any suggestions/recommendations	
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