

# INsight Risk Assessment for Falls Prevention in Continuing Care Communities

## A fast, effective way to assess risks

ECRI Institute's web-based risk assessment survey provides perspectives from the front-line to leadership to help the organization assess the strength of their fall prevention program. Reports are generated based on survey results to help identify problems so you can focus on improvements.

## Sample questions addressed in the web-based survey:

- ▶ Management communicates to staff the lessons learned from fall investigations. (Communication and information flow)
- ▶ There is enough fall-reduction equipment to meet the needs of each resident. (Equipment safety and updated technology)
- ▶ Does an interdisciplinary team evaluate the effectiveness of new resident falls prevention technology after implementation? (Evaluation and monitoring)
- ▶ Does the facility's interior design help reduce the risk of falls? (Falls prevention strategies)
- ▶ Is a falls history included in the resident's falls risk assessment? (Falls risk assessment)
- ▶ Management seeks feedback from staff about ways to improve the falls prevention program. (Leadership and accountability)
- ▶ A list of medications associated with a high falls risk is used as a reference during a falls risk assessment. (Medication safety issues)
- ▶ A family member or guardian is notified when the resident is injured by a fall. (Resident information and education)
- ▶ Nursing staff monitor residents after a fall until they are medically stable. (Resident safety and incident response)
- ▶ How familiar are you with how to respond to a resident fall? (Staff competency and education)

### Key areas:

Communication/information flow  
Equipment safety/updated technology  
Evaluation/monitoring  
Falls prevention strategies  
Falls risk assessment  
Leadership/accountability  
Medication safety issues  
Resident information/education  
Resident safety/incident response  
Staff competency/education



## Take the first step in reducing risk associated with falls.

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