

Environmental Risk for Suicide Checklist



BEACON
Specialized Living

The Environmental Risk for Suicide Checklist is a Joint Commission Standard used to determine potential risk points.

Each home completes this form annually.



Home: _____ Date (m/d/y): _____ Total # of Rooms in Home: _____

Auditor(s): _____ Total # of Times a Room was Identified as Having a Risk (add up 3rd column): _____

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Risk Item	Y/N	# of Rooms w/ Risk	Comments: specify which rooms have the risk. Do not use Resident names in comments.
Any rooms with lay-in ceilings (places for contraband, to secure ligatures for self-harm, to access above-the-ceiling spaces)?			
Any rooms with heating, ventilating, and air conditioning vents that create a ligature point?			
Any upstairs rooms with windows that open to outside more than 4-6 inches?			
Any rooms with windows that are not shatterproof?			
Any rooms with doorknobs that create a ligature point?			
Any rooms with night lights or other light fixtures with glass that isn't shatterproof?			
Any rooms with light fixtures that are not secured to restrict access to bulbs and sockets?			
Any rooms with mirrors or pictures that are not shatterproof?			
Any rooms with coat hooks, cubicle curtain tracks, door hinges, closet poles that could create a ligature point?			

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- Total # of Rooms in Home = # of rooms that a resident has access to.
- Ligature Point: Any point in the home that could potentially support a noose or rope and around 100 lbs.

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- Review each risk item for every room.
- Do not count the number of risks per room, simply put Y if any rooms in the house has that risk, and N if they do not.
- Comments: Specify the rooms that have the risk. Do not use resident names or initials when referring to bedrooms. Simply say “2 upstairs bedrooms”
- Be honest and thorough. Beacon does not have to have 0 risks, but the checklist is a Joint Commission standard.
- If you have questions on what one of the sections is asking, reach out to Compliance@beaconspecialized.org for assistance.



The logo for Beacon Specialized Living, featuring a stylized house icon with a sunburst above it, followed by the text "BEACON Specialized Living".

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A large yellow arrow pointing to the left, highlighting the final field of the form.

Once both pages of the checklist are completed, add up the total number of rooms and complete the top of the form.

When due, submit the completed form to Compliance@Beaconspecialized.org

To be compliant with TJC, Beacon completes this checklist annually.



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