

dementia care facility checklist

Facility name | _____

General Questions

Rating/Comments

What training does the staff have to work with persons with dementia?

What is the staff to resident ratio?

How does the staff handle difficult behaviors such as bathing and wandering?

How often are residents bathed?

Is special assistance given to persons with feeding problems?

Do caregivers speak English so that communication is effective?

Are individual care plans maintained for each resident?

How does a resident get medical attention?

Is there a doctor available who keeps hours in the facility?

How do you coordinate care between the facility physician and the family physician?

For outside medical appointments, will staff make those arrangements?

What other staff is available to residents?

Are there specific visiting hours for families and visitors, and if so, what are they?

Is the facility secured for wandering residents?

How does the staff handle residents going into another resident's room?

Is there a support group for dad or family members?

What is the facility response when a resident is having difficulty adjusting?

What has been the practice in the past?

What kinds of structured activities are scheduled throughout the week?

Are there any religious services in the facility?

Are there any beauty services in the facility?

What about day trips?

Are residents allowed to bring their own furniture and belongings?

Is there a bus that takes residents to activities?

Can the kitchen accommodate a special diet?

Can a resident go into hospice in this facility?

What reasons would a person have to move somewhere else?

How often are disaster or fire drills held?

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Things to look for/pay attention to

Is the staff pleasant?

Is the atmosphere warm and friendly?

Does the staff treat residents like adults?

Are the residents clean and well groomed?

Do residents seem unnecessarily medicated?

Is the facility clean, well lit, at a comfortable temperature and are the grounds well maintained?

With regard to safety, are fire escapes and ramps wide enough for wheelchairs?

Are there handrails in the hallways?

Do the tubs, toilets and showers have grab bars?

Are the floors clean and non-slippery?

"Would I like to live here?"

Rating/Comments

Local licensing authority

When was the last state or county inspection conducted?

Were there any deficiencies or citations? What were they?

Have there been any complaints from residents or families?

How have these been addressed?

Rating/Comments

Notes