As an agency that provides personal care attendants to assist in our consumer’s homes it is our job to assess the home prior to the attendant’s going in to start services and again every quarterly visit to be sure the environment is safe.

This is done when the Independent Living Coordinator completes the Safety Implementation Form during the Consumer’s opening visit.

The Safety Implementation Form allows the Independent Living Coordinator to review specific areas of concern with the Consumer and come up with a plan to fix anything that may pose a danger to the consumer or the attendant.

See page 2 for more information.

Safety In A Home With Pets

To most people a pet is also considered a family member so when you enter the consumer’s home remember you are also entering the pets home. Here are a few things to keep in mind when you are working in a home with a pet.

- Don’t tease them
- Only pet them with permission
- Give them their space

If you are uncomfortable around your consumer’s pets, be sure to contact your coordinator immediately.
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When completing the Safety Implementation Form it is important to remember that everyone is entitled to live in a manner that is comfortable to them. It is not for us to judge or push our values upon someone on how to live. However it is our job to be sure everyone is safe. When completing the form always be sure to take your Consumer’s concerns regarding any changes into consideration before officially implementing a plan.

**Exterior Safety Check:**
- Make sure the entry way to the home is well lit.
- Make sure the stairs or ramp to the entry way is free of hazards and the railings are stable.
- Make sure wet leaves, snow or any other debris are cleared from the entry to prevent slips and falls.

**Interior Safety Check:**
- If the consumer has throw rugs make sure to use double-sided tape or a rug pad to secure them and prevent a tripping hazard.
- Dark rooms and hallways should have some type of nightlight to keep them well lit when someone enters them.
- If the consumer has several types of electronics that contain power cords try to arrange the room so that the cords run behind the furniture. Also, use surge protectors rather than extension cords to prevent fires.
- Make sure that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide batteries are replaced once a year. Also, be sure the home has a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
- Help your consumer clean out their refrigerator weekly to prevent food poisoning.
- Make sure your consumer has enough trash containers to hold their weekly trash. Take out the trash as soon as the indoor can fills to avoid attracting bugs and mice.
- Make sure there are hand rails in the shower and near the toilet if needed by the consumer.