

# SKILLED NURSING HOME CHECKLIST

## Considerations for your Nursing Home:

When visiting a skilled nursing home, it helps to prepare a list of questions or considerations to see if it's the right fit for you. Although most places visibly post their services and features, asking the right questions allows you to gauge the quality of your new home. The lists below cover the main considerations when locating a skilled nursing home near you:

### The Basics:

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| Is the nursing home Medicare certified?.....                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the nursing home Medicaid certified?.....                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Has the nursing home license ever been revoked?.....                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are there uncorrected deficiencies from the home's last state inspection?.... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the nursing home accepting new patients?.....                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is there a waiting period for admission?.....                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the home conduct background checks on all staff?.....                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the nursing home close enough for friends and family to visit?.....        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

### Questions for Current Residents:

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| Is the staff friendly and enthusiastic?.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are you treated with dignity?.....                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do people respect your privacy?.....                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are community events inclusive?.....                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you feel safe here?.....                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are there enough dining options and food choices?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the facility kept clean on a regular basis?.....    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Can you access the amenities you paid for?.....        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

### Additional Comments:

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## Service Questions:

- Does the home have the level of care you need?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does the home offer memory care or other specialized services?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are resident's rights posted?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do residents have a choice of food items at meal time?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do residents have a choice of roommates?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is transportation available for residents?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are there scheduled social programs available?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Can residents have personal items or furniture in their rooms?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Staffing Questions:

- Is there a skilled nurse (RN) available 24/7?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are staff members properly certified?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do staff members know residents by name?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are there designated staff who can deliver medication?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is there a staff member to meet your social service needs?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is there a security team and emergency staff on-site?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do staff members appear cheerful and approachable?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Has there been turnover in administrators/directors in the past year?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Additional Comments:

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**It's important to ask whatever is on your mind during your visit; you have the right to know everything about a place that may be your new home. As with anything, following your intuition about a facility can lead you to the healthiest decision possible!**

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