

# HOMES<sup>®</sup> Multi-disciplinary Hoarding Risk Assessment

## Instructions for Use

- **HOMES** Multi-disciplinary Hoarding Risk Assessment provides a structural measure through which the level of risk in a hoarded environment can be conceptualized.
- It is intended as an *initial* and *brief* assessment to aid in determining the nature and parameters of the hoarding problem and organizing a plan from which further action may be taken-- including immediate intervention, additional assessment or referral.
- **HOMES** can be used in a variety of ways, depending on needs and resources. It is recommended that a visual scan of the environment in combination with a conversation with the person(s) in the home be used to determine the effect of clutter/hoarding on **Health, Obstacles, Mental Health, Endangerment** and **Structure** in the setting.
- The Family Composition, Imminent Risk, Capacity, Notes and Post-Assessment sections are intended for additional information about the hoarded environment, the occupants and their capacity/strength to address the problem.

# HOMES<sup>®</sup> Multi-disciplinary Hoarding Risk Assessment

## Health

- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot use bathtub/shower | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot prepare food          | <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of spoiled food                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of insects/rodents          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot access toilet      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot sleep in bed          | <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of feces/Urine (human or animal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of mold or chronic dampness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage/Trash Overflow    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot use stove/fridge/sink | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot locate medications or equipment    |   |

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Obstacles

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot move freely/safely in home      | <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable piles/avalanche risk                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inability for EMT to enter/gain access | <input type="checkbox"/> Egresses, exits or vents blocked or unusable |

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mental health (Note that this is not a clinical diagnosis; use only to identify risk factors)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not seem to understand seriousness of problem    | <input type="checkbox"/> Defensive or angry      | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaware, not alert, or confused |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not seem to accept likely consequence of problem | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxious or apprehensive |  |

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Endangerment (evaluate threat based on other sections with attention to specific populations listed below)

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to health or safety of child/minor | <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to health or safety of person with disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to neighbor with common wall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to health or safety of older adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to health or safety of animal                 |  |

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Structure & Safety

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable floorboards/stairs/porch      | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaking roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical wires/cords exposed | <input type="checkbox"/> No running water/plumbing problems      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flammable items beside heat source     | <input type="checkbox"/> Caving walls | <input type="checkbox"/> No heat/electricity            | <input type="checkbox"/> Blocked/unsafe electric heater or vents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storage of hazardous materials/weapons |                                       |   |  |

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_