



COMMUNITY TOUR CHECKLIST

✓ ATMOSPHERE

- Is the community attractive and home-like?
- Do the staff member call residents by name and interact warmly with them?
- Do residents socialize with each other and appear happy and comfortable?
- Are you able to talk with residents about how they like the community and staff?
- Do the residents seem to be appropriate housemates for you or your loved one?

✓ PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Is the community clean, free of odors and appropriately heated/cooled?
- Does the community have fire sprinklers and clearly marked exits?
- If the community provides dementia care, does it have a means of security if a resident wanders?
- If desired, what furnishings are provided?
- Do all units have a telephone and cable/satellite TV and how is billing handled?
- Is a kitchen area/unit provided with a refrigerator, sink and cooking element?
- May residents smoke in their units? In public spaces?

✓ CONTRACTS, COSTS & FINANCES

- What is included in the monthly fee? Ask for a written copy.
- Is there a procedure to pay for additional services when the services are needed on a temporary basis?
- What happens when a resident's needs change?
- Are there different costs for various levels or categories of services?
- Under what circumstances might the fees change?
- When may a contract be terminated and what is the refund policy?
- Is there an annual rent increase, and if so, what is typical %?

✓ MEDICATION & HEALTHCARE

- What is the policy regarding medication storage and assistance with medication administration?
- How many hours of medication training do staff receive?
- Are staff available to assist residents who experience memory, orientation, or judgment losses?
- What is the procedure for responding to a resident's medical emergency?
- To what extent are medical services available, and how are these services provided?

✓ SERVICES

- Obtain a list of services available.
- What is the community's process for assessing a potential resident's needs?
- Are additional services available if the resident's needs change?
- Are there special programs for memory impaired residents and those with dementia?

- Are there fees to provide transportation to doctors' offices, salon, shopping and other activities desired by residents?
- Can residents arrange for transportation on fairly short notice?

✓ STAFF

- What training and qualifications do the staff have?
- Observe staff and resident interactions. Are they positive?
- Did you receive a warm greeting from staff welcoming you to the community?
- Do the staff members treat each other in a professional manner?
- Is a licensed nurse available on-site? If so, during what hours?
- Is staff awake and available at night?

✓ SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- What is the activities program?
- Do residents participate in activities outside of the community?
- Do volunteers, including family members, come into the community to help with or conduct programs?
- Are residents' pets allowed in the community? Who is responsible for their care?
- Does the community have its own pets?

✓ FOOD SERVICE

- May meals be provided at a time a resident would like or are there set times for meals?
- Are menus reviewed by a nutritionist?
- May a resident request special food?
- May residents eat meals in their units and is there a charge for delivery?

✓ MAKE SURE YOU...

- Know what the care service package includes
- Know all costs associated with your care service package
- Know about additional services and their associated fees
- Know the circumstances under which fees might change
- Understand the admission agreement
- Understand resident rights and responsibilities
- Understand the care services planning process and who is involved
- Know about the criteria and policies associated with leaving the community
- Contact the state licensing entity (www.cclld.ca.gov) for information on the community's license

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