

On-The-Spot Assessment Strategies Checklist

The following list may help to quickly identify resources, considerations or communication strategies to maintain the individual's independence. Remember, some individuals may have multiple needs, so be sure to check the complete list.

- Can the individual walk independently or what assistive devices does he or she use?
- Can the individual see? Is he or she blind or with low-vision?
- Can the individual hear?
- Can the individual speak and be understood?
- Can the individual understand English? If no, what language is understood?
- Can the individual comprehend? Is there a cognitive disability?
- Does the individual have medical needs?
- Does the individual require specialized equipment or assistive devices?
 - Braces, crutches, walker, wheelchair, motorized wheelchair
 - Cane for person who is blind or has low-vision
 - Service animal
 - Hearing aids or similar device
 - Portable oxygen tanks or generator

- Does the individual require constant care or supervision?
- Does the individual have a caregiver, friend or family member who assists him or her?
- Does the individual have a survival kit or "go bag" that includes a two-week supply of all current medications, medical equipment and supplies?
- Does the individual require electricity to maintain specialized equipment or assistive devices or refrigeration to store medications?
- Does the individual have a personal emergency health information bracelet, card, computer chip, file, or other source of information?
- Does the individual have a personal emergency contact list with names and phone numbers of family members, friends, doctors, insurance providers and hospital preferences?
- Does the individual have an emergency plan including shelter options?
- Does the individual have transportation needs?