



Australian Government

CHCAGE007 Recognise and report risk of falls

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to work in partnership with a person and their family, carer or others identified by the person to recognise and report the risk of falls.

This unit applies to support workers in a residential or community context. Work performed requires some discretion and judgement and may be carried out under regular direct, indirect or remote supervision.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Aged Care

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Recognise potential risk of falls.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1. Consult with supervisor and the person to ascertain lifestyle, health and mobility factors that might increase the risk of falls for the person.
- 1.2. Provide opportunities for the person and their family, carer or others identified by the person to contribute and ask questions.
- 1.3. Establish needs, issues and concerns of the person which are outside scope of own practice and refer to supervisor or health professional according to organisational policies and procedures.
- 1.4. Recognise physical indicators of risk of falls and document

- according to organisational policies and procedures.
- 1.5. Recognise environmental factors that may contribute to falls and document according to organisational policies and procedures.
 2. Report risk of falls.
 - 2.1. Report risk of falls to supervisor or health professional according to organisational policies and procedures and in accordance with legal and ethical considerations.
 - 2.2. Maintain the privacy and dignity of the person when reporting risk of falls.
 - 2.3. Complete and store documentation and reports according to organisation policies and procedures and update according to changes in the person's circumstances.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the Performance Criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guide are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for CHCAGE007 Recognise and report risk of falls

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Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- identify indicators of falls risk for at least two people, including at least one physical risk and one environmental risk
- report each of the above falls risks according to organisational policies and procedures, maintaining the privacy and dignity of the person.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- the ageing process and how it might affect the risk of falls
- factors contributing to the risk of falls and their impact on people and their family or carer:
 - environmental
 - physical
 - emotional
 - effects of medication
- how to recognise a change in the person's normal posture, gait and balance
- medical causes of falls, and how to recognise signs of those causes
- the physical and psychological effects of falls on people and their family or carer
- communication practices for working with people that promote respect and empowerment
- legal and ethical considerations and organisational policies and procedures for working with people:
 - duty of care
 - dignity of risk
 - human rights
 - privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
 - work health and safety
- organisational policies and procedures for:
 - referral to supervisor or health professional
 - documentation, including the importance of timely accurate, objective and detailed records

- reporting
- storage of information.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace, with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations have not been provided in the workplace.

These are situations relating to emergency or unplanned procedures where assessment in these circumstances would be unsafe, impractical or threatens the dignity of the person.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- resources relating to falls prevention that are used within the workplace
- organisational policies and procedures
- opportunities for engagement with people and their family, carer or others identified by the person and others involved in service provision.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

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