HOMES® Multi-disciplinary Hoarding Risk Assessment

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

Obstacles
- Cannot move freely/safely in home
- Inability for EMT to enter/gain access
- Unstable piles/avalanche risk
- Egresses, exits or vents blocked or unusable

Mental health (Note that this is not a clinical diagnosis; use only to identify risk factors)
- Does not seem to understand seriousness of problem
- Defensive or angry
- Unaware, not alert, or confused
- Does not seem to accept likely consequence of problem
- Anxious or apprehensive

Endangerment (evaluate threat based on other sections with attention to specific populations listed below)
- Threat to health or safety of child/minor
- Threat to health or safety of person with disability
- Threat to neighbor with common wall
- Threat to health or safety of older adult
- Threat to health or safety of animal

Structure & Safety
- Unstable floorboards/stairs/porch
- Leaking roof
- Flammable items beside heat source
- Caving walls
- Storage of hazardous materials/weapons
- Electrical wires/cords exposed
- No heat/electricity
- No running water/plumbing problems
- Blocked/unsafe electric heater or vents

Notes:

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# Household Composition

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<th># of Adults</th>
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- Ages of adults: 
- Ages of children: 
- Person who smokes in home: Yes ☐ No ☐
- Person(s) with physical disability: 
- Language(s) spoken in home: 

**Assessment Notes:**
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# Risk Measurements

- ☐ Imminent Harm to self, family, animals, public: 
- ☐ Threat of Eviction: 
- ☐ Threat of Condemnation: 

# Capacity Measurements

- Instructions: Place a check mark by the items that represent the strengths and capacity to address the hoarding problem
  - ☐ Awareness of clutter
  - ☐ Willingness to acknowledge clutter and risks to health, safety and ability to remain in home/impact on daily life
  - ☐ Physical ability to clear clutter
  - ☐ Psychological ability to tolerate intervention
  - ☐ Willingness to accept intervention assistance

**Capacity Notes:**
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# Post-Assessment Plan/Referral
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**Date:** __________  **Client Name:** ___________________________________________________________  **Assessor:** ______________________________________

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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.