

# Appendix F – Environmental Assessment Tool

<b>Unit/Department:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Assessment Completed by:</b>			
<b>Bedroom</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Is there enough space around all three sides of the bed to work?			
Can staff work from either side of the bed?			
Will portable mechanical lift equipment fit underneath the bed?			
Is there an unobstructed path for the portable lift or sit-stand device?			
Do the portable mechanical lifts or sit-stand devices move through doorway thresholds easily?			
Is the lift or sit-stand device positioned clear of monitors, IVs, etc.?			
Where required, is there adequate space to accommodate bariatric equipment?			
Are the ceiling height and integrity of the building structure suitable for a ceiling lift system?			
For ceiling lifts, is there suitable space for docking with a safe and suitable electrical power source?			
For ceiling lifts, is the track appropriate with respect to the bed(s)?			
<b>Bathroom</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Can a mechanical lift be used in the bathroom?			
Is a commode used in the bathroom if a mechanical lift cannot be used?			
Is the weight capacity of the commode appropriate for the client (i.e., bariatric commode required)?			
Is there space on both sides of the toilet for a worker?			
Are grab bars situated and designed such that they do not interfere with equipment or workers?			
<b>Tub/shower room</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Can a mechanical lift be used in the tub/shower rooms?			
Is the flooring slip-resistant?			
Can mobile, independent residents transfer easily into the tub?			
Are clients secure while they are being transported to the tub room?			
Are clients secure while in the tub?			
<b>Equipment Storage</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Is there designated storage space for the lifts and client handling equipment that is not in the hallway?			
For lifts with removable rechargeable batteries, are batteries stored in a designated and controlled area?			
For lifts being plugged in to recharge, is the recharging zone free from blocking emergency egress?			
Are slings stored in a convenient and accessible location for employees?			

- a. Manual – the entire weight of the client is lifted by workers
- b. Mechanical – the entire weight of the client is lifted by a device