

## Independent Living Community – Tour Checklist

Take this handy guide with you when you tour communities.

### Community Information

Community Name:	Contact:
E-Mail:	Phone:

Location	Yes	No	Notes
Do you like the location and its appearance from the outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the building in a safe neighborhood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the location convenient for your family and friends?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the location convenient to areas that are important to you (doctors, libraries, shopping, theaters, parks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there ample parking for guests and residents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the grounds in good condition and offer space for outside activities (walking trails, gardening, BBQ)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Staff	Yes	No	Notes
Is the staff friendly and welcoming when you arrive?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the interaction between staff and residents warm and respectful?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do the staff and residents interact well and know each other by name?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Atmosphere	Yes	No	Notes
Is the community clean and have a pleasant odor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do residents socialize and warmly interact with each other? Do they seem happy and comfortable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do the residents seem compatible in age, demeanor and agility level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the noise level comfortable in common areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are common areas comfortable and inviting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are furnishings in good condition and laid out in a convenient and accessible way?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Living Space	Yes	No	Notes
What are the living space choices? <input type="checkbox"/> Studio apt. <input type="checkbox"/> 2-bedrm apt. check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-bedrm apt. <input type="checkbox"/> 3-bedrm apt. <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse or cottage			
Is there a thermostat in each apartment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there sufficient closet space?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there additional storage space?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there grab bars in the bathroom?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the kitchen/kitchenette adequate for the resident(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are cupboards or shelves easy to reach?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there a washer and dryer in each apartment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Amenities &amp; Activities</b>	Yes	No	Notes
Is there a monthly activities calendar published and posted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there scheduled transportation to and from activities and shopping?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there spiritual services on-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are any of the following amenities available within the community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Barber/beauty salon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Activity room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Arts and Crafts room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Fitness equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Computer resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Massage Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Other (List)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Security &amp; Safety</b>	Yes	No	Notes
Is there front desk staff around the clock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the entrances/exits secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there an emergency evacuation plan posted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there a fire sprinkler system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there handrails in hallways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the hallways well lit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there smoke detectors in every unit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there emergency pull-cords or call system in bathrooms/bedrooms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are doorways, hallways and common areas easily navigated by those in wheel chairs or using walkers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the floor plan easy to follow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there walk-in showers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Speaking with the various parties will help you make an informed decision about the right independent living community.

<b>References</b>	Yes	No	Notes
Have you spoken with:			
Residents, their family & friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Realtor & other professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	