

UNIT CODE	CHCAGE007
UNIT TITLE	Recognise and report risk of falls
APPLICATION	<p>This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to work in partnership with people and their carer to recognise and report the risk of falls.</p> <p>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 or indirect supervision.</p> <p>The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.</p> <p>No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
PREREQUISITE UNIT	Nil
COMPETENCY FIELD	Nil
UNIT SECTOR	Aged Care

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify potential risk of falls.	<p>1.1 Consult with supervisor and the person to identify lifestyle, health and mobility factors that might increase the risk of falls for the person.</p> <p>1.2 Provide opportunities for the person and their carer to contribute and ask questions.</p> <p>1.3 Identify 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.</p> <p>1.4 Recognise physical indicators of risk of falls and document according to organisational policies and procedures.</p> <p>1.5 Recognise environmental factors that may contribute to falls and document according to organisational policies and procedures.</p>

2. Report risk of falls.	<p>2.1 Report risk of falls to supervisor or health professional according to organisational policies and procedures.</p> <p>2.2 Maintain the privacy and dignity of the person when reporting risk of falls.</p> <p>2.3 Complete and store documentation and reports according to organisation policies and procedures and update according to changes in the person's circumstances.</p>
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FOUNDATION SKILLS	
<i>Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the Performance Criteria of this unit of competency.</i>	
UNIT MAPPING INFORMATION	No equivalent unit.
LINKS	Companion Volume Implementation Guide

TITLE	Assessment Requirements for CHCAGE007 Recognise and report risk of falls
PERFORMANCE EVIDENCE	<p>Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ identified indicators of falls risk for at least two people, including at least one physical risk and one environmental risk ■ reported each of the above falls risks according to organisational policies and procedures, maintaining the privacy and dignity of the person.

KNOWLEDGE EVIDENCE	<p>Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 carer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 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, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ duty of care ○ dignity of risk ○ human rights ○ privacy, confidentiality and disclosure ○ work health and safety ■ organisational policies and procedures for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ documentation, including the importance of timely accurate, objective and detailed records ○ reporting ○ storage of information.
ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS	<p>Skills must have been 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Assessment must ensure access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ resources relating to falls prevention that are used within the workplace ■ organisational policies and procedures ■ opportunities for engagement with people and their carer and others involved in service provision. <p>Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.</p>
LINKS	Companion Volume Implementation Guide

