



Is it Time to Transition to 24 Hour Care?

| Use This Checklist to Determine if it's Time to Transition from Hourly Care to 24 Hour Care | Hourly Care | 24 Hour Care |
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| GENERAL | | |
| General decline in mobility and memory | ✓ | |
| Concerns when your parent/spouse/friend is alone | | ✓ |
| EATING & NUTRITION | | |
| Can no longer prepare meals, or forgets to eat or drink | ✓ | |
| Fainting from dehydration | | ✓ |
| Difficulty eating or drinking without assistance | | ✓ |
| HOME ENVIRONMENT | | |
| Home is increasingly disorganized or cluttered | ✓ | |
| Leaves stove on unattended, had kitchen accident or fire | ✓ | |
| Mail piling up, bills go unpaid | ✓ | |
| Confuses rooms at home, gets lost in house | | ✓ |
| MOBILITY | | |
| Bathing or showering is difficult, concerns about falls in tub or shower | ✓ | |
| Poor balance at home, poor balance | ✓ | |
| Falls become frequent | | ✓ |
| SOCIALIZATION | | |
| Gets lost in local neighborhood or on familiar routes | ✓ | |
| Doesn't leave home without companionship | ✓ | |
| Wanders from home, unsure of destination | | ✓ |
| Confused by short absences of family, friends or caregivers | | ✓ |
| BATHROOM | | |
| Has trouble getting to the bathroom in time | ✓ | |
| New or increased bathroom accidents | | ✓ |
| NIGHTTIME | | |
| Confuses day with night, wakes up frequently at night, or agitated in the dark | | ✓ |
| You are afraid to leave the person at night, or are not getting regular sleep because you are | | √ |
| tending to his or her needs | | • |
| MEDICAL EVENT | | |
| Recently hospitalized or stayed in a rehabilitation facility after a hip fracture, stroke or heart attack | | ✓ |

Benefits of 24 Hour Care for Your Family

- Decrease agitation in people who have lost their sense of time and place
- Reduce skin infections and urinary tract infections with 24 hour care regimen
- Fall risk reduced for people who need assistance to get out of bed

- Lower risk of dehydration and related fainting
- Eliminate kitchen or bathing accidents
- Companionship and socialization, decreasing isolation and loneliness