

Ten Questions at the Time a Resident Falls

1. Ask resident: How are you?
2. Ask resident: What were you trying to do?
3. Ask resident of determine: What was different this time?
4. Position of the resident?
 - a. Did they fall near a bed, toilet or chair? How far away?
 - b. On their back, front, left side or right side?
 - c. Position of arms and legs?
5. What was the surrounding area like?
 - a. Noisy? Busy? Cluttered?
 - b. Poor lighting? Visibility?
 - c. Position of furniture and equipment? Bed height?
6. What was the floor like?
 - a. Wet floor? Urine on floor? Uneven floor? Shiny floor?
 - b. Carpet or tile?
7. What was the resident's apparel?
 - a. Shoes, socks (no-skid?) slippers? Bare feet?
 - b. Poor fitting clothing?
8. Was the resident using an assistive device?
 - a. Walker, cane, merry walker, wheelchair, other?
9. Did the resident have glasses or a hearing aide on?

10. Who was in the area when the resident fell?