

*Home Visit Safety Preparation Checklist see Chart 1*

The Home Visit Safety Preparation Checklist provides a framework for the field student to intentionally think about their home visit prior to, during, and after to ensure safety at all times

Chart 1: Home Visit Checklist

Section I	Prior to Departure				
Identify a Safety Partner to “check-in”	Prior to Home Visit	During Home Visit (as needed)	After Home Visit		
Identify/Utilize a GPS /Locator	Identify the exact location of home visiting: including cross streets, highways	Determine category of Community: Rural, Suburban, Urban			
Create a contract for visit (when possible)	Purpose of Visit	Goal of Visit	Time Frame of Visit		
Ask basic safety questions	Do you have any pets?  If yes,	List the types, names of pets, how long the pet(s) with family?			
	Are you or any family members’ smokers? If yes,	Do you smoke in the home?  If yes,		Would you mind not smoking during our home visit?	
Determine the most appropriate ‘you’	Clothing  Accessories	Workbag/purse- minimal contents needed during home visit  Face/Hands  Feet covered			

<b>Section II</b>	<b>Travel to Home Visit</b>				
Make a full circle around target home after you locate home					
Notice senses	What do you see?	What do you smell?	What do you hear?	What memory and/or feeling surfaces as you do your 'ride around'?	
<b>Section III</b>	<b>Arrival to the home</b>				
Notice your senses	What do you see?	What do you smell?	What do you hear?		
Is there sufficient light for you to see?					
<b>Section IV</b>	<b>In the Home Visit</b>				
Enter each room and place in a quadrant	Identify what you see in each quadrant – include what you see in your peripheral vision	Inquire into anyone or anything that moves	Inquire into “interesting” shadows	Inquire into any person that enters after you begin the interview/discussion	
Be aware of use of furniture- when possible adhere to the following:	Sit in a hardback chair versus a sofa or any ‘soft’ furniture	Move chair slightly from wall, if chair is on the wall	Sit in chair with back to wall and vision to as many parts of a room as possible	Situate self to be closest to the door if an immediate exit is needed	
Be aware of ‘own’ clothing	Place workbag in	Place coats/jackets/sweaters			

and/or accessories	a position to reduce the possibility of anything that crawls, crawling into bags	in a position to reduce the possibility of anything that crawls, crawling into...			
Check in with self- Do you feel safe?	Yes	No, If no, Stop, think, what needs to happen to move you to a position of safety?			
<b>Section V</b>	<b>After the Home Visit</b>				
Contact safety partner					
Document 'trigger' words within 5 minutes of departure					