

Circle of Care	Environmental Hazards Exposure Safe Operating Practice	SOP # 06
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Training and Competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Safety and Inspection Policy (Intranet) • Workplace Smoking Policy (Intranet) • Client Documentation Plan (Policy)
Hazard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting, floors, walls or other structural areas that can create or contribute to a hazard • Pets, hoarders, bed bugs • Bad weather (see slips/falls)
Injury Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed bug bites • Pet bites or allergic reactions • Bruises and contusions, strains and sprains, fractures
Energy Source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Applicability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSWs and front line health care worker's (CSS/SW/HCM) out in the community and/or in client's homes • All employees in the office
PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-latex, no powder disposable gloves • Fluid resistant face masks (when there is a risk of spraying or splashing into the face) • Weather-appropriate clothing and footwear
Pre-use Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of a Client and the client's home environment for risks prior to visit • Wear weather and temperature appropriate clothing and footwear • Review client care plan for indications of potential hazards or risks
Safety Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always be aware of surroundings in the client's home • Always be aware of surrounding when working from the office
In the Event of an Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek medical attention if needed • Notify supervisor of all incidents
Sequential Steps to Complete the Work Safely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep walking areas free of clutter and furniture. • If client home is cluttered and poses a hazard, contact your supervisor to help identify corrective actions with the client and/or family members
Lockout Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Preventative Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and information on reducing risks of taking bed bugs home is available to employees • CoC directive to families to keep pets in closed rooms