

CHOOSING AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN FLORIDA

Placing a loved one in a assisted living facility can be accomplished with a limited amount of stress if you know what to look for. This list has been created to help you make the very best choice possible for you and your loved one.

Please read through each of the items below carefully. Don't hesitate to print this checklist and take it with you as a reference. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the number provided on the bottom of page two.

Looking for an Assisted Living? Here is what to look for:

As you walk around observe the following:

- "Sniff Test."---walk around and if there are any fowl odors (urine/ bowel, general odor). This would indicate a problem.
- Examine the floors, corners, private bathrooms, ceilings, etc., checking for cleanness.
- Talk with the staff as you tour the facility---note their reaction to you.
- Observe how the staff relates to the residents.
- Visit a least 3 to 4 facilities and make a solid comparison.
- If you have a computer, check out any deficiencies or infarctions listed on - <http://www.ahca.myflorida.com>. Go to consumer information on the left side of the screen.

Questions to explore:

- Review the rental contract or agreement to make sure you understand everything.
- Ask if rent is pro-rated if resident moves in after the first of the month?
- In the event the resident is unable to return, will the rent be prorated?
- What notice is required in the event the resident desires to leave?
- What happens if resident runs out of money? What are the alternatives?
- Are there any financial programs available to assist with rent/care?
- Is there a move-in fee, entry fee or community fees involved? If so are they refundable if you change your mind, decided to move out or in the event of death?
- What services are included with the apartment rent?

- What is the cost of additional services?
- Do we supply the furnishings (furniture, pictures for walls, linens, lamps, etc.)?
- What is included in the actual apartment (refrigerator, microwave, window treatments)?
- What type of activities are available and how do they encourage the resident's participation?
- Ask for an activity calendar.
- Ask about meals and if they would provide you with a copy of a menu?
- What type of emergency call system do they have?
- What provisions are made in the event the resident is in need of more skilled care?

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