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Lethal Means Checklist

Removing lethal means is one important way to reduce risk factors. The following checklist will help you assess the risk factors in your home as well as the homes your child may visit.

Fire Arms

Safest Option is to have Fire Arms removed from the home.

Are there Fire Arms in the home? Yes No

Was each adult in the family asked if there are Fire Arms in the home? Yes No

Who was questioned? _____

If NO document reason _____

Are Trigger Locks installed on Fire Arms? Yes No

If NO document reason _____

Are Fire Arms stored in a locked Safe/Cabinet? Yes No

If NO document reason _____

Be sure the locks/cabinet/safe truly cannot be opened by an unauthorized person. (e.g., no glass fronts, no flimsy locks). Was this tested? Yes No

Are the keys to Trigger Locks/Gun Cabinet/or other locked areas stored in a secure location? (Document who has access to keys)

Are Fire Arms Unloaded (no ammunition)? Yes No

If NO document reason _____

Is Ammunition Stored & Locked Separate from Fire Arms? Yes No

If NO document reason _____

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Medication

Are all Prescription Medications stored in locked cabinet or safe? Yes No

If NO document reason _____

Are all Over the Counter Medications stored in locked cabinet or safe? Yes No

If NO document reason _____

Was each adult in the family asked about medication storage? Yes No

Who was questioned? _____

Does each person in the house with access to any type of medication understand the necessity of limiting all medication for suicidal clients to *a non-lethal quantity*? Yes No

Poison Control Number 1-800-222-1222 can help determine a non-lethal quantity

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If NO document reason _____

Who has access to keys? Are they in a secure place?

Other safety issues that need to be assessed and discussed include:

- sharp objects (i.e.: knives, razors),
- carbon monoxide poisoning,
- ingesting household cleaners, pesticides, rubbing alcohol, mouth wash with alcohol (locking up these dangerous chemicals),
- materials that could be used for hanging (ropes, belts, garden hose, electrical cords)
- close supervision of the suicidal client.
- other safety issues that relative to your specific situation

The above information is taken from the following websites. Please visit them to learn more.

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_suicideprev

National Strategy for Suicide Prevention <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/national-strategy-suicide-prevention/>

Wisconsin Strategy for Suicide Prevention
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/injuryprevention/SuicidePrevention.htm>

Center for Disease Control http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/suicide_datasheet-a.pdf

Prevent Suicide Wisconsin <http://www.preventsuicidewi.org/>

Hopes Suicide Education and Prevention <http://www.hopes-wi.org/index.html>

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