Environmental sweeps are a vital part of the fall prevention process. Before leaving a resident unattended, take the time to address the following items to reduce fall risk.

**ENGAGEMENT**

- [ ] I have engaged in a conversation with the resident at eye level and addressed unmet needs.
- [ ] Toileting
- [ ] Activities
- [ ] Food/beverage
- [ ] Pain
- [ ] The resident is calm and ready to be left alone.

**CONTINENCE CARE**

- [ ] I have prompted the resident to visit the restroom and/or checked for incontinence.
- [ ] Incontinence products are the proper type and fit.
- [ ] I have placed appropriate clothing on the lower body.

**POSITIONING**

- [ ] I have positioned the resident in their preferred and/or safe location.
  - [ ] I have considered time spent in bed or wheelchair and reposition as needed.
  - [ ] I have considered fall history from the bed, wheelchair, or recliner.
- [ ] The resident has a clear pathway to exit the room and access the restroom.

**RESIDENT-SPECIFIC ITEMS**

- [ ] Items of interest are within reach (books, magazines, phone, etc.).
- [ ] Room lighting is appropriate for the time of day and resident activity.
- [ ] The resident is wearing preferred and safe clothing.
  - [ ] Nonslip socks, appropriate footwear, pajamas
- [ ] Television is on or off based on resident preference
  - [ ] If on, channel suits resident’s interests, the volume is appropriate, and remote is within reach.
- [ ] Bedroom door is open/closed.
- [ ] Placement of fall mat, if applicable, is appropriate.
  - [ ] Mat is under the bed during the day for ambulatory residents or those who self-transfer from wheelchair.
  - [ ] Mat is alongside bed during the evening/sleeping for fall protection.

**MOBILITY AIDS**

- [ ] If able to self-transfer, the device is locked and positioned appropriately.
- [ ] If unable to self-transfer, the device is out of view.
- [ ] Extra mobility aids have been removed from the room.