





# Checklist for Comparison Shopping

When the time comes to decide which *specific* assisted living facility to move into, please use this comparison checklist to help guide your decision about what fits best for you or your loved one. We encourage you to visit at least three homes in total so you feel comfortable and content when it comes time to make that decision.

(Put a check  in each box that applies)

		(facility 2 name)	(facility 3 name)
<b>FIRST IMPRESSION:</b>			
Was the building exterior well-maintained?			
Is the community clean & attractive?			
Is the entrance easily accessible?			
Upon entry, do you feel like this is a comfortable home to live in?			
<i>Add comments about what stood out to you</i>			
<b>RESIDENTS:</b>			
Were the residents gathered in common areas or in activity room interacting with each other?			
Do the residents appear happy in this home?			
<i>Add comments about what stood out to you</i>			
<b>STAFF:</b>			
Were you greeted warmly upon entering the home?			
Was staff friendly and knowledgeable?			
Did the staff interact kindly with residents?			
Do you feel comfortable having yourself or loved one looked after by this staff?			
<i>Add comments about what stood out to you</i>			
<b>ROOMS:</b>			
Do rooms appear safe? (handicap-accessible, etc)			
Are the resident rooms comfortable in size for your needs?			
Are the rooms clean and free from odors?			
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<b>OTHER:</b>			
Do you feel that you will be safe and “at-home” here?			
Is everything <i>included in the cost</i> ? (vs an “a la carte” menu for add-on caregiving services)			
Are there activities available throughout the day?			
Are various therapies available to residents?			
Is there an appropriate amount of 24-hour staff?			
Do the meals available seem like healthy options?			
Is there an outdoor space where residents can relax and/or conduct outdoor activities?			
<b>Total number of checkmarks from both pages:</b>			
<b><i>FILL IT IN....</i></b>			
What is your MOST favorite thing about the home itself?			
What is your LEAST favorite thing about the home itself?			
What did you like the most about the staff/management?			
What did you like the least about the staff/management?			
Will you consider this home for yourself or loved one?			

Notes for *Two Hearts*:

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Notes for *Facility 2*:

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Notes for *Facility 3*:

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