

**This assessment review was compiled by our students and is intended to be used as a guide in assisting clinicians. We encourage you to review the evaluations and assessments for yourself to guarantee the most accurate and updated information.*

I. General Information

Title of the test: SAFER TOOL: Safety Assessment of Function & the Environment for Rehabilitation

Author: Teresa Chiu, Rosemary Oliver, Linda Marshall, & Lori Letts

Publisher: Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Mental Health Services

Time required to administer: 30 -45 min.

Cost of the Test: \$100 Manual and 10 score sheets (highbeam.com)

II. Description of Test

Type/Purpose of Test: To identify safety concerns in the home and to assess if the person is capable of responding to safety situations. SAFER is also used to look at the environment as well as performance abilities of the person in their home. The test looks at Living Situation, Mobility, Kitchen, Fire Hazards, Eating, Household, Dressing, Grooming, Bathroom, Medication, Communication, Wandering, Memory Aids, and General Sections.

Population: Geriatric (Especially the elderly with cognitive impairments or mental health problems.) Good for any home evaluation for clients with any diagnosis.

Focus of measurement:

Organic systems Abilities Participation/life habits Environmental Factors

III. Practical Administration

Ease of Administration: The SAFER is easy to administer and should be done in the home of the client with a caregiver present if possible.

Clarity of Directions: The directions are quick and easy to follow. In depth on various aspects of home safety, with a fairly user friendly score sheet.

Scoring Procedures: Percentage Score= $\frac{\# \text{ of Problem Items}}{\# \text{ of items addressed} - \# \text{ of N/A items}} \times 100$

Examiner Qualification & Training: A certified Occupational Therapist should administer the SAFER. An interview, observation of client, task analysis, environmental assessment skills are all needed to administer the SAFER.

IV. Technical Considerations

Standardization: Norms Criterion Referenced Other _____

Reliability: Inter-rater Reliability is good, .83. Test-Retest is very good (Pg. 3)

Construct Validity of the SAFER tool. (pg. 4)

Manual: Excellent Adequate Poor

What is (are) the setting/s that you would anticipate using this assessment? *Home Health OT services. Inpatient and Outpatient OT's could use this as well.*

Summary of strengths and weaknesses: *The SAFER is a comprehensive home evaluation that is both broad and varied in various areas of occupation and environment.*

Weakness:

- No construct Validity.
- Limited as to where it can be used.
- Long Assessment

Strength:

- Comprehensive with a variety of areas to asses.
- Quick and easy to use
- Easy to Score
- Client Centered
- User Friendly