

Environmental Health and Safety Hazards Experienced by Home Health Care Providers

A Room-by-Room Analysis

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Upon completion of this lesson, the occupational health nurse will be able to:

1. Identify room-by-room hazards to employees who provide home health care

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1. The most-cited occupational health and safety hazard identified by HHPs in this study was

- a. Biohazards
- b. Violence
- c. Slips/trips/falls
- d. Cuts and abrasions

2. In this study, the room identified as having the most hazards was the

- a. Living room
- b. Bedroom
- c. Bathroom
- d. Kitchen

3. Which of the following statements is true concerning this topic?

- a. Numerous studies have identified hazards by specific locations in the home.
- b. Results of other studies on this topic were not supported by findings in this study
- c. Scant research describes hazards by specific locations in the home.
- d. This is the first study to look at hazards encountered by HHPs.

4. The mixed methods used in this study included

- a. A structured questionnaire and focus groups
- b. Observations of workers in the home and structured questionnaires
- c. Virtual work situations and observations of actual work situations
- d. Virtual work situations and focus groups

5. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

- a. Study participants received a store gift card for participating.
- b. Participants separately and independently identified hazards on individual floor plans.
- c. Participants were asked to identify their top three priority hazards.
- d. A questionnaire was used that had been validated for face and content validity.

6. Data were coded by

- a. The primary author
- b. Graduate students
- c. Two research team members
- d. All doctorally-prepared members of the research team

7. Primary biohazard(s) encountered by HHPs in this study was/were

- a. Human waste and pet droppings
- b. Tobacco smoke
- c. Mold
- d. Allergens

8. This study is important for occupational and environmental health nursing practice because occupational and environmental health nurses can

- a. Help home health agencies write policies to address health and safety hazards
- b. Provide training to HHPs on how to assess homes for hazards
- c. Draft templates for protocols HHPs should follow when confronted with hazards at work
- d. All of the above