

Home Environment Index

To what extent are the following things present in the home?

1. Structural damage

0	=	All walls, ceilings, floors, and beams (both weight-bearing and non-weight bearing) are intact and in good repair)
1	=	All vital components of the infrastructure are intact; slight damage to paint or other surfaces
2	=	Most vital components of the infrastructure are intact; widespread surface damage
3	=	Infrastructure is in poor repair (e.g., rotten beams or sinking floor)

2. Blocked Exits

0	=	No exits blocked
1	=	Some stuff in front of one exit
2	=	Stuff blocking some but not all exits
3	=	All exits seriously clogged or blocked

3. Fire hazard

0	=	No fire hazard exists
1	=	Some risk of fire (e.g., lots of flammable material)
2	=	Moderate risk of fire (e.g., flammable materials near heat source)
3	=	High risk of fire (e.g., flammable materials near heat source; electrical hazards, etc.)

4. Moldy or rotten food

0	=	None
1	=	A few pieces of moldy or rotten food in the kitchen
2	=	Some moldy or rotten food spread throughout the kitchen
3	=	Large quantity of moldy or rotten food in the kitchen or elsewhere

5. Standing water (in sink, tub, other container, or basement)

0	=	No standing water
1	=	Some water in sink/tub
2	=	Water in several places, especially if dirty water
3	=	Water in numerous places, especially if dirty

6. Human/animal waste/vomit

0	=	No human/animal waste/vomit visible
1	=	No human waste/vomit;; no animal waste/vomit outside cage or box
2	=	Some animal/human waste/vomit visible (e.g., in unflushed toilet)
3	=	Animal/human waste/vomit on floors or other surfaces

7. Dirty or clogged sink

0	=	Sink empty and clean
1	=	A few dirty dishes with water in the sink
2	=	Sink full of water, possibly clogged
3	=	Sink apparently clogged with evidence that it has overflowed onto counters, etc.

8. Mildew or mold

0	=	No mildew/mold is detectable
1	=	Small amount of mildew/mold in limited amounts and in expected places (e.g., on the edge of the shower curtain or on the refrigerator seal)
2	=	Considerable, noticeable mildew/mold
3	=	Widespread mildew/mold on most surfaces

9. Dirty food containers

0	=	All dishes washed and put away
1	=	A few unwashed dishes
2	=	Many unwashed dishes
3	=	Almost all dishes unwashed

10. Dirty surfaces (floors, walls, furniture, etc.)

0	=	Surfaces are completely clean
1	=	A few spills, some dirt or grime
2	=	More than a few spills, perhaps a thin covering of dirt or grime in living areas
3	=	No surface is clean, dirt or grime covers everything

11. Piles of dirty or contaminated objects (e.g., bathroom tissue, hair, sanitary products, etc.)

0	=	No dirty/contaminated objects on floors, surfaces, etc.
1	=	Some objects (e.g., toilet paper or sanitary product wrappers) may be present around trash cans or toilets
2	=	Many contaminated objects fill the bathroom or the area around trash cans
3	=	Contaminated objects are all over the floors and surfaces in most rooms

12. Insects

0	=	Absence of insects: none visible/discernible
1	=	A couple of insects may be visible; cobwebs and/or insect droppings present
2	=	Many insects and droppings visible; cobwebs in the corner
3	=	Swarms of insects; high volume of droppings; many cobwebs on household items

13. Dirty clothes

0	=	Hamper may contain dirty clothes; none outside the hamper
1	=	Hamper may be full; a few dirty clothes lie around; inhabitant is wearing dirty clothes
2	=	Hamper is overflowing; many dirty clothes lie around; inhabitant is wearing dirty clothes
3	=	Clothes cover the floor and other surfaces; inhabitant is wearing dirty clothes

14. Dirty bed sheets/linens

0	=	Bed coverings are very clean
1	=	Bed coverings are relatively clean
2	=	Bed coverings are dirty and in need of washing
3	=	Bed coverings are very dirty and soiled

15. Odor of house

0	=	No odor
1	=	Slight odor
2	=	Moderate odor; strong in some parts of the house
3	=	Strong odor throughout the house

16. Body odor

0	=	No odor
1	=	Slight to moderate odor
2	=	Strong odor when standing close
3	=	Strong odor even at a distance

During the past month, how often did you do each of the following?

17. Do the dishes

0	=	Never (0 times/month)
1	=	Every other week (up to 2 times/month)
2	=	1-2 times a weeks (up to 8 times/month)
3	=	Every other day/every day (up to 30 times/month)

18. Open the refrigerator

0	=	Never (0 times/month)
1	=	Every other week (up to 2 times/month)
2	=	1-2 times a weeks (up to 8 times/month)
3	=	Every other day/every day (up to 30 times/month)

19. Clean the bathroom

0	=	Never (0 times/month)
1	=	Every other week (up to 2 times/month)
2	=	1-2 times a weeks (up to 8 times/month)
3	=	Every other day/every day (up to 30 times/month)

20. Shower or bath

0	=	Never (0 times/month)
1	=	Every other week (up to 2 times/month)
2	=	1-2 times a weeks (up to 8 times/month)
3	=	Every other day/every day (up to 30 times/month)

21. Do laundry

0	=	Never (0 times/month)
1	=	Every other week (up to 2 times/month)
2	=	1-2 times a weeks (up to 8 times/month)
3	=	Every other day/every day (up to 30 times/month)

22. Change clothes

0	=	Never (0 times/month)
1	=	Every other week (up to 2 times/month)
2	=	1-2 times a weeks (up to 8 times/month)
3	=	Every other day/every day (up to 30 times/month)

