



FALL RISK LEVEL TOOL

Assigning fall risk categories (high, moderate and low) based on the numerical score of a fall risk assessment alone may not always be clinically useful or appropriate. This tool can be used to assist with placing “at-risk” patients/residents into high, moderate, and low fall risk categories and designing appropriate risk reduction strategies. In addition to assessing above risk factors the nurse should also consider these situational factors: New admission, floor-to-floor transfer, post-fall, and change of condition and/or starting fall risk medication.

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Directions : Based on your fall risk assessment results (identified risk factors), place patient/resident into either the high, moderate or low risk category.

High Risk

One or more risk factors present
Impaired mobility
Impaired gait/balance
Impaired mental status

Moderate Risk

One or more risk factors present
Absence of mobility and gait/balance impairment

Low Risk

Absence of mobility impairment and gait/balance impairment
Absence of risk factors