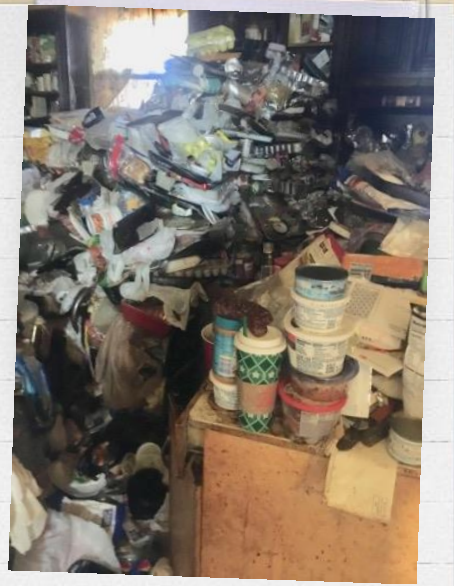
Self Neglect

Disabled Adults and Seniors

Most Commonly Asked Questions

- What evidence is needed to drive further action?
- What are the types of self neglect?
- What resources are available?
- Who can I call to assist with cleanup?
- Who are the external agencies?
- What mental health agencies are available?
- Who is your first call?



Not considered ANE

- Healthcare services provided or not provided by licensed healthcare professionals - non-MCO/waiver service *(refer to Dept. of Financial & Professional Regulations to file online complaint - http://www.idfpr.com/complaints.*
- Being furnished with or relies upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone
- Bickering
- Neighbor disputes - ****Note: If there is a relationship such as assisting with personal tasks or have a personal relationship, etc., between neighbor and AV = ANE*
- Landlord issues - *not fixing broken items in building, demanding overpayment for rent, etc., refer to LE or legal assistance*** Note: if there is a relationship such as assisting with personal tasks or have a personal relationship, etc., between landlord and AV = ANE*
- Issues concerning withdraw from life support systems (*refer to hospital administrator)*
- Crime by a stranger
- Allegations against schoolteacher/interaction in the classroom (18-22) *(refer to Regional Superintendent of Education/see www.isbe.state.il.us/regionaloffices/pdf/roedirectory.pdf)*
- Scams, sweepstakes, lotteries, door-to-door salesmen.
- Permanently lives in federal VA homes *(refer to Regional Director, Veterans Administration Chicago Regional Office at 1 800 827-1000)*
- Monetary issues not related to financial exploitation
- Cheating on time records only *[if individual provider (formerly PA) refer to HSP Fraud Unit at 1 844 453-7283]*
- Complaints against law enforcement *(refer to local Chief of Police or Internal Affairs)*
- Inmate complaints against correctional officers (*refer to 217 558-2200, ext. 6003)*

Self Neglect

What Defines Self Neglect?

Defining Self Neglect

Self Neglect is defined as "a vulnerable adult living in a way that puts his or her health, safety, or well-being at risk"

https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/home-and-community-services/self-neglect

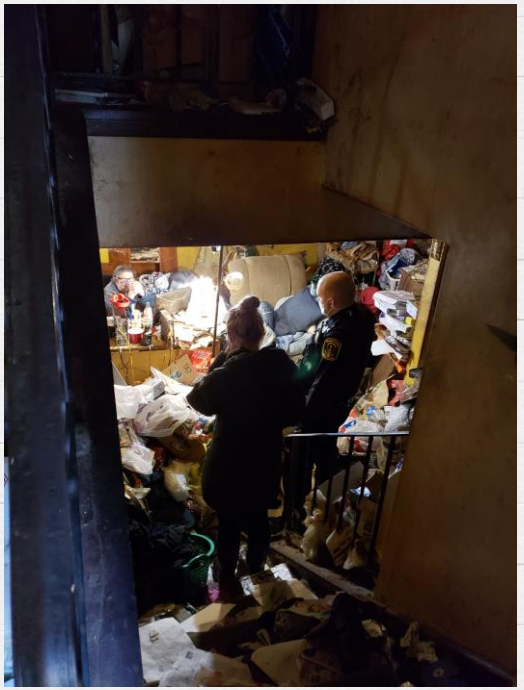
Defining Self Neglect Cont.

- "A condition that results from an individual's inability to perform essential self-care tasks that *substantially threaten* his or her own health, and includes but is not limited to:
  - -Providing essential food, clothing or shelter and health care; and
  - - Obtaining goods and services needed to maintain physical health, mental health, emotional well-being and general safety

Defining Self Neglect Cont.

- Includes Compulsive Hoarding

-Characterized by the acquisition and retention of large quantities of items (including animals) and materials that produce an extensively clutter living space, which ***significantly impairs the performance of essential self-care tasks, or otherwise substantially threatens life or safety.***

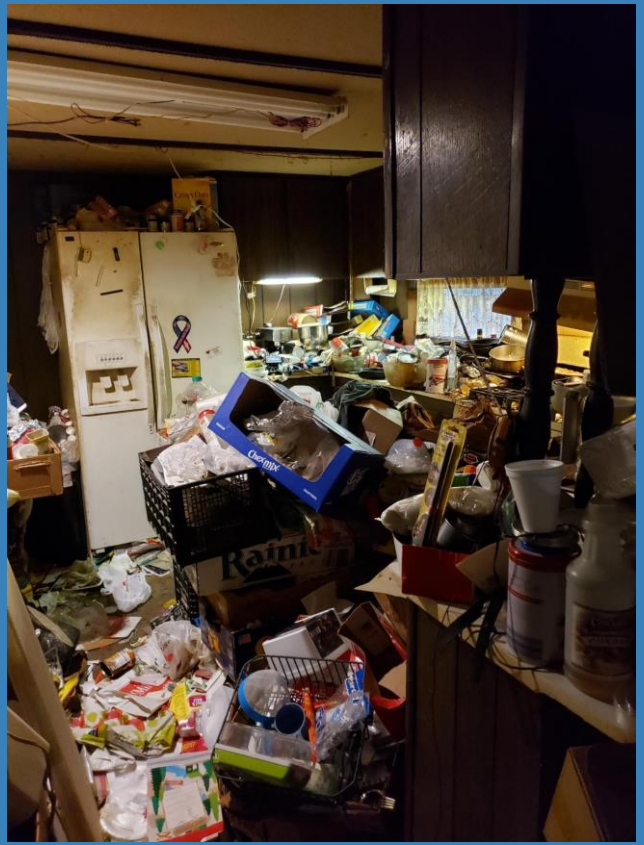


Challenging Disorganization

- Quality of Life
- Are you a “Shopaholic”?
- Are you a “Collector”?
- Do you accumulate items beyond usefulness?
- Fear of failing?

List of Adult/Elder's Priorities and Needs:

- *Safety*
- *Health*
- *Needs*
- *Wants*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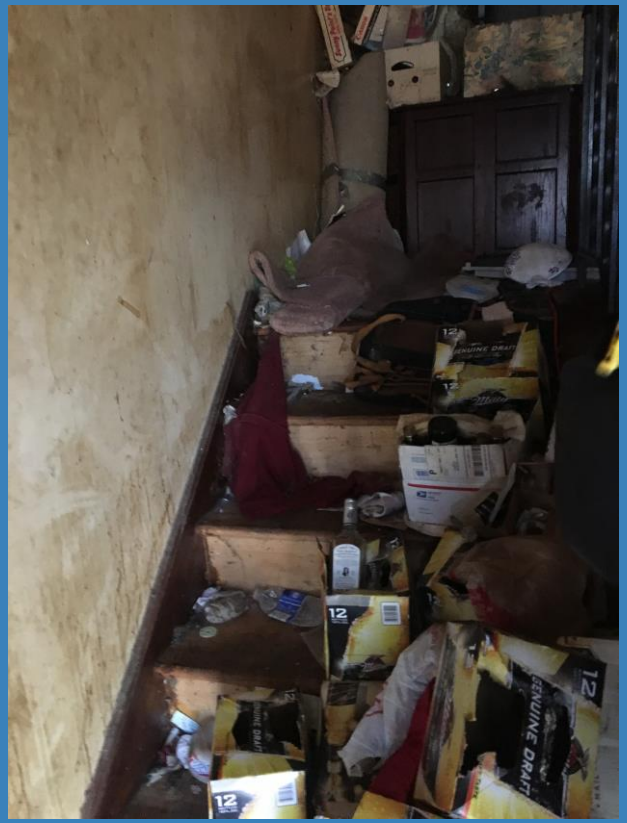
GENUINE DRAFT

Risk Factors

- Personality (i.e. Indecisiveness and Temperament)
- Family History
- Stressful Life Events

Complications

- Increased Fall Risk
- Injury or Entrapment
- Family Conflicts
- Loneliness and Social Isolation
- Legal Issues, Such as Evictions

Perfectionism

- Leaving things undone in fear of making a mistake
- Acquiring more than is necessary in order to make things “perfect”
- Spending too much time to do something in an effort to make things “perfect”

ICEHOUSE

Image Clutter Rating Scale

- *Living Room*
- *Kitchen*
- *Bedroom(s)*

Clutter Image Rating: Living Room

Please select the photo below that most accurately reflects the amount of clutter in your room.

1

2

3

4

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Download Your Own Here:

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Or download the APP on your Smartphone

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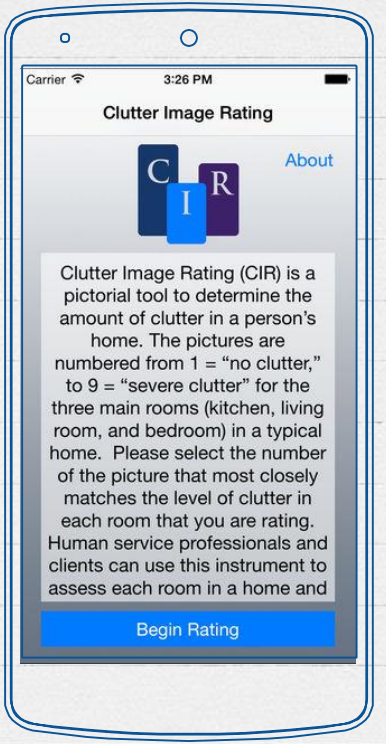

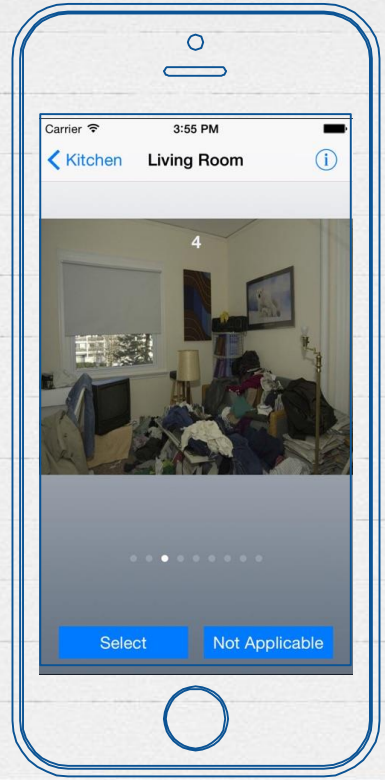

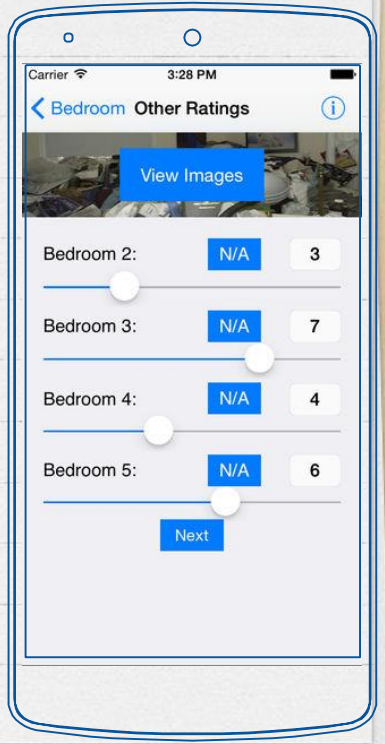

ICD's CLUTTER–HOARDING SCALE™ FIVE CATEGORIES.

Structure and Zoning

Assessment of access to entrances and exits; function of plumbing, electrical, HVAC (any aspect of heating, ventilation or air conditioning) systems and appliances; and structural integrity

Animals and Pests

Assessment of animal care and control; compliance with local animal regulations; assessment for evidence of infestations of pests (rodents, insects or other vermin)

Household Functions

Assessment of safety, functionality and accessibility of rooms for intended purposes

Health and Safety

Assessment of sanitation levels in household; household management of medications for prescribed (Rx) and/or over-the-counter (OTC) drugs

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Recommendations for PPE (face masks, gloves, eye shields or clothing that protect wearer from environmental health and safety hazards); additional supplies as appropriate to observational level

SCOPE OF SCALE

PURPOSE OF SCALE: This document is to be used as an assessment/guideline tool only, specifically for use in the assessment of a home's interior, except where the outside structure affects the overall safety of the interior. Does not include sheds, unattached garages or outbuildings. It is not to be used for diagnostic purposes or for any psychological evaluation of a person or persons. ICD is not responsible for any work performed by a professional organizer or other related professional using ICD's C–HS™ or C–HS™ Quick Reference Guide.

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ICD's CLUTTER–HOARDING SCALE™ FIVE LEVELS.

Five progressive levels indicate the degree of household clutter and/or hoarding; Level I as the lowest, and Level V the highest. ICD considers Level III as the pivot point between a household that might be assessed as cluttered, and a household environment that may require the deeper considerations of working in a hoarding environment.

LEVEL I GREEN LOW

Household environment is considered standard. No special knowledge in working with the chronically disorganized is necessary.

LEVEL II BLUE GUARDED

Household environment requires professional organizers or related professionals who have additional knowledge and understanding of chronic disorganization.

LEVEL III YELLOW ELEVATED

Pivot point between a cluttered household environment and a potential hoarding environment. Those working with Level III household environments should have significant training in chronic disorganization and will require a community network of resources, especially mental health professionals.

LEVEL IV ORANGE HIGH

Household environment requires a coordinated collaborative team of service providers in addition to professional organizers and family: mental health professionals, social workers, financial counselors, pest and animal control officers, crime scene cleaners, licensed contractors and handypersons.

LEVEL V RED SEVERE

Professional organizers should not work alone in a Level V environment. Requires a collaborative team, potentially including family, mental health professionals, social workers, building manager, zoning, fire, and/or safety agents. Formal written agreements among the parties should be in place before proceeding.

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Related Mental Health Issues

- Depression
- Anxiety Disorders
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

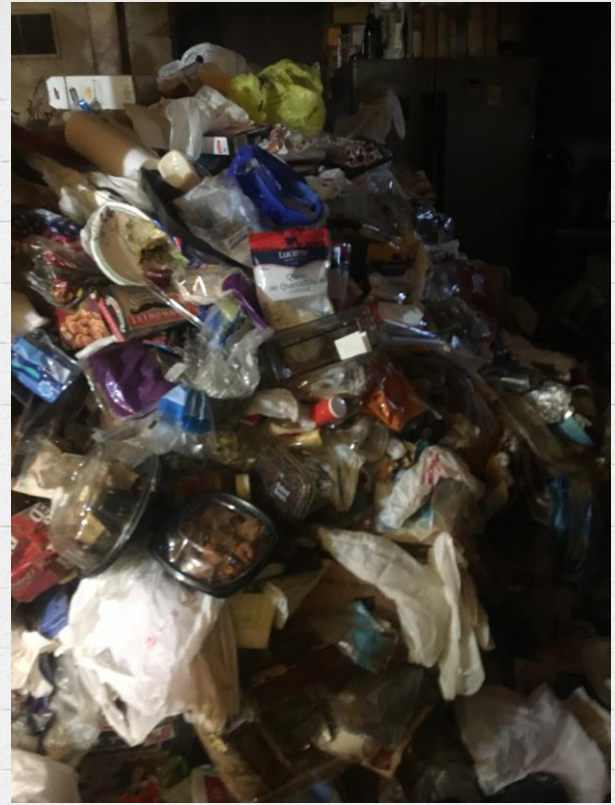
Mayoclinic.org

Other Possible Contributing Factors

- Physical Disabilities
- Dementia/Alzheimer's
- Eating Disorders
- History of "not having enough"
- Psychosis
- Attaching sentimental value(s) to object(s)

Behavioral Signs

- Blocked entries/exits
- Narrow or limited pathways
- Excessive collection and storage
- Foul odors
- Insect or vermin infestations
- Spoiled and/or rotting food
- Accumulation of human and/or animal feces
- Non working or inaccessible utilities i.e heat, water, sewer

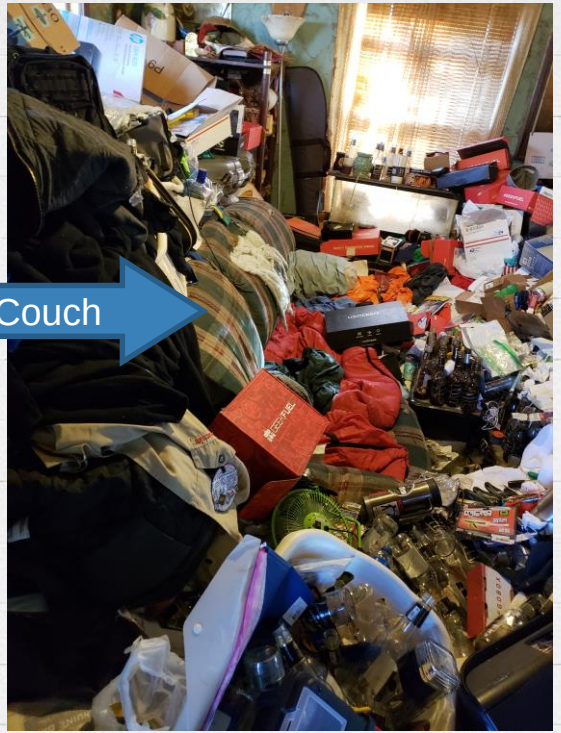


Information Processing Deficits

- Decision Making Difficulty
- Distractibility
- Memory Deficits
- Categorization Difficulties

Relatively Normal Exteriors

Couch



APS

- Guardianship
- Intervention
- Advocacy
- Case Work Services
- EIS Funds
- DHS Referral (adults with disabilities under 60)
- CCP Referral

EIS Funds (APS)

- EIS- Emergency Intervention Services
- Can be used for:
  - Emergency Aid
  - Housing
  - Legal Assistance (guardianship, etc.)
  - Respite Care
  - Waiver
- Can be used for Adults with Disabilities or Seniors ***as long as it is an OPEN APS CASE***
- $1000 can be used per client, with signed waiver another $1000 can be used

CCP (Community Care Program)

- Comprehensive Assessment
- Community NHP.
- Home Maker Services (after cleaning/exterminations)
- AMD (Automated Medication Dispenser, after cleaning/extermination)
- EHRS (Emergency Home Response System, after cleaning/exterminations)
- Family Counseling Referrals
- HDM's (Home Delivered Meals)

CCP (Community Care Program) Cont.

- FCS Funds (home safety improvements)
- Respite Funds (caregiver, during cleanup, etc.)
- Gap Fill (must have unpaid caregiver) these funds can be used for things client cannot afford. Assistive devices, mattress, electric bill etc.
- All of these Funds are limited to $500 per person, per year

Self Neglect Reps

- Kane County Health Department
- Mercy Hospital
- Area Agency on Aging
- Prairie State Legal
- Elgin, South Elgin, Kane Co. Police Dept's.
- Code Enforcement
- IDoA
- Kane Co. State's Attorney's Office
- Senior Services
- 16th Judicial Circuit Court

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