



Questions/ Guidelines to Consider When Completing MUI/UI Investigations for Falls

1. Was there an obvious cause for the fall? If so, clearly indicate what it was. If there was not an obvious cause for the fall, dig deeper to try and find it by asking more probing questions as suggested below. Don't just accept "I don't know" or "it was an accident" as a response without asking more specific questions about the incident.
2. Has this individual had any other falls recently? If so, review the UIRs for common trends or causes.
3. What did the environment look like, were there any potential hazards that contributed to the fall? Was the flooring carpeted or hard surface? Be specific about the location of the fall and what specifically the individual was doing immediately prior to the fall. Visit the scene as appropriate and document it via pictures to verify witness accounts.
4. Does the individual use mobility supports, or adaptive equipment such as walker or cane? Were these being utilized at the time of the fall? If not, why? Is the adaptive equipment in good working condition?
5. Did you speak with both the individual and other potential witnesses? What did they say they seen & heard? Was there an injury assessment and if so, what was the outcome?
6. What type of footwear was the individual wearing and was it appropriate for the setting? Were they wearing well-fitting clothes?
7. Are there any medical concerns that could have contributed to the person falling (dizziness, poor vision etc.)? Any recent medication changes that could have contributed?
8. Has there been any past referrals to PT/OT for mobility issues? What was the outcome of that referral?