



OSHA's Computer Workstation Checklist may also be helpful in creating safe and comfortable computer workstations. Maintaining a safe home office is the employee's responsibility. The following checklist is designed to assess the overall safety of an alternative worksite. This checklist can be used by supervisors to develop agency-specific checklists. Employees should contact their supervisor to determine which checklist they should utilize. Employees are encouraged to discuss any safety concerns they have with their supervisors.

Name of employee		

General		Yes	No
1.	Workspace is away from noise, distractions, and is devoted to your work needs.		
2.	Workspace accommodates workstation, equipment, and related material.		
3.	Floors are clear and free from hazards.		
4.	File drawers are not top-heavy and do not open into walkways.		
5.	Telephone lines and electrical cords are secured under a desk or along the wall, and away from heat sources.		
6.	Temperature, ventilation, and lighting are adequate.		
7.	All stairs with four (4) or more steps are equipped with handrails.		
8.	Carpets are well secured to the floor and free of frayed or worn seams.		
Fire Safety		Yes	No
9.	There is a working smoke detector in the workspace area.		
10.	A home multi-use fire extinguisher, which you know how to use, is readily available.		
11.	Walkways, aisles, and doorways are unobstructed.		
12.	Workspace is kept free of trash, clutter, and flammable liquids.		
13.	All radiators and portable heaters are located away from flammable items.		
14.	An evacuation plan is in place so you know what to do in the event of a fire.		

Electrical Safety		Yes	No
15.	Sufficient electrical outlets are accessible.		
16.	Computer equipment is connected to a surge protector.		
17.	Electrical system is adequate for office equipment.		
18.	All electrical plugs, cords, outlets, and panels are in good condition with no exposed or damaged wiring.		
19.	Equipment is placed close to electrical outlets.		
20.	Extension cords and power strips are not daisy-chained and no permanent extension cord is in use.		
21.	Equipment is turned off when not in use.		
Computer Workstation		Yes	No
22.	Chair casters (wheels) are secure and the rungs and legs of the chair are sturdy.		
23.	Chair is adjustable.		
24.	Your back is adequately supported by a backrest.		
25.	Your feet are on the floor or adequately supported by a footrest.		
26.	You have enough leg room at your desk.		
27.	There is sufficient light for reading.		
28.	The computer screen is free from noticeable glare.		
29.	The top of the screen is at eye level.		
30.	There is space to rest your arms while not keying.		
Other Safety / Security Measures		Yes	No
31.	Files and data are secure.		
32.	Materials and equipment are in a secure place that can be protected from damage and misuse.		
33.	You have an inventory of all Agency equipment in the office including serial numbers.		
34.	If applicable, do you use up-to-date anti-virus software, keep virus definitions up-to-date, and run regular scans?		