**Discussion Topics, Chapter 47, Safety and Infection Control in the Home Health Care Setting**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. Your assignment from the home health agency where you work includes your first visit today to the home of an elderly person with Parkinson disease. You are to assist them daily with their personal hygiene.   1. Given their diagnosis of Parkinson disease, what safety risk factors will you be observing for on this first visit? 2. What is your responsibility should you find any of the safety risk factors present in this client’s home? 3. How can you protect yourself when working in unsafe neighborhoods? | 1,4, 6 |
| 2. Mrs. Frugal is a new client you have been assigned to care for in their home. Mrs. Frugal tells you that you must “not be wasteful,” and that you should “recycle as much as possible.” You notice there is much clutter in the house with many saved plastic bags and containers, as well as cans and newspapers. When you enter the bathroom, you find a small table covered with squares of yellowed toilet paper. The room smells strongly of urine.   1. What do you suspect Mrs. Frugal is doing with the toilet paper? 2. What steps should you take to remedy this situation? 3. How can you educate the client to help prevent any problems with food safety for the client? | 1, 4, 5 |