

6.9 Bathing

The ability to shower, bathe or take sponge baths for the purpose of maintaining adequate hygiene (does not include hair care). For older children, ages 9 and older, this also includes the ability to get in and out of the tub, turn faucets on and off, regulate water temperature, wash and dry fully.

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												<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indicates that the item on the functional screen should be checked. <input type="checkbox"/> Indicates that the item on the functional screen should NOT be checked.
												Not applicable for the purposes of this screen. This option does not appear on the functional screen because young children are expected to require assistance in this category.
												Needs adaptive equipment. <i>Adaptive equipment can include “low-tech” equipment the parents use, such as a baby seat to bathe a baby who cannot sit on her own. Such low-tech or generic equipment count only if it is used to compensate for a child’s physical impairment. Note the term is “needs” equipment, whether or not the child currently has the equipment.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses shower chair, tub bench, mechanical lift, or any other devices if they are used to compensate for the child’s physical impairment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The parents/caregivers prefer another method and have not obtained adaptive equipment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The child is a year or older and unable to maintain a sitting position unsupported.
												Becomes agitated requiring alternative bathing methods. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becomes unsafe in bathing and needs to be constrained or sponge bathed. <input type="checkbox"/> Takes a shower rather than a bath.

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												<p>Is combative during bathing (e.g., flails, takes two caregivers to accomplish task).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extreme avoidance behaviors that make bathing unsafe for child and/or caregiver.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caregiver is in tub with child because of child's unsafe behavior.</p>
												<p>Needs complete physical assistance.</p> <p>It is expected that children under 5 years old may require some physical assistance, which is why this option is not available to those children. For children 9 years old and older, this also includes children who need an adult to set the water temperature for the child.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requires someone to bathe them (hands on) whether in a bath or shower. Remember, this does not include hair washing.</p>
												<p>Needs to be lifted in and out of bathtub or shower.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Able to get in and out, but parent chooses to lift them.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Needs hands on assistance, verbal cues or supervision but can get in and out without others lifting them.</p>
												<p>Needs help getting in and out of bathtub or shower.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs hands-on assistance, someone to do the task completely, verbal cues or close supervision throughout the task.</p>

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												<p>Needs step-by-step cueing to complete the task.</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs someone with them throughout the bath/shower telling them each step of the process. <input type="checkbox"/> Needs reminder to bathe (e.g., “Don’t forget to take a bath tonight”). <input type="checkbox"/> Needs reminders before the bath takes place (e.g., “remember to wash under your arms”). <input type="checkbox"/> Needs an occasional cue, but not step-by-step instructions. <input type="checkbox"/> Needs prompts throughout the bathing process to stay on task (e.g., “have you washed your body yet?”).
												<p>Lacks an understanding of risk and must be supervised for safety.</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It is understood that if the screener checked “Is combative during bathing” then this would also be checked.
												<p>Exhibits non-compliant behavior that is extreme to point that child does not perform bathing tasks for at least 5 or more consecutive days.</p> <p><i>This question is intended for children with mental health issues that result in extreme anger and rages that are always present and affect the child’s ability to accomplish tasks that they have the intelligence and developmental ability to complete.</i></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refuses to bathe for at least 5 consecutive days each week. <input type="checkbox"/> Refuses to bathe for 5 or more days occasionally but not consistently over the past six months. <input type="checkbox"/> Refuses due to a fine motor limitation. <input type="checkbox"/> Refuses due to a sensory issue. <input type="checkbox"/> Refuses due to a motor coordination issue.

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