

Comfort Obstructions Checklist Example

You have created a successful layout if you are able to check "YES" to the questions below:

LIVING ROOM

- [] There is not a walking path through the conversation area. It is acceptable to have a path between a reading chair and the conversation area if it can't be avoided.
- [] The back of a chair or couch does not have its back to the entrances to the room. If it is unavoidable, place a sofa table toward the entrance to give a pleasing welcome to those entering. Alternatively, choose a low backed sofa or a piece with a beautiful back.
- [] Is there a horizontal surface within reach of every seat to comfortably place a drink? (or a surface that can be pulled close)
- [] There are no tall pieces of furniture that obstructs the view into or through any part of the room. At no point should someone feel closed in.
- [] Are all the walking paths free of right angle turns?
- [] Did you use centering?
- [] Are the walkways through the room close to 36" wide? And close to 48" for walkways where 2 people will pass at parties?]
- [] Is the conversation area centered on the focal point in the room?
- [] If there is a second focal point, can the largest grouping/conversation area be centered in front of both?
- [] The arms of the furniture pieces do not overlap when placed at right angles to each other

[] In a conversation area the seating from seat back to seat back does not go beyond 9 feet for comfortable conversation.

[] You have allowed 2 inches space between the sofa and side table

[] If using two chairs placed side by side in your seating arrangement, you have placed them 24" apart to allow for a small table between or 12" apart with no side table.

[] The transition zone is free of furniture

[] Any furniture pieces that fall into the sight lines to any of the focal points in the room kept low so not to hinder a clear view?

[] Have you minimized physical obstructions from walking paths?

[] Have you left 18" between seating and coffee table for leg room?

[] Can the furniture pieces that you are going to keep fit in your model?

[] You have adjusted furniture pieces to allow layout to be centered and balanced.

[] Have you created appropriate storage?