🧠 Memory Care Cleaning &

Smell Awareness Cheat Sheet

👃 Smell & Odor Awareness

- If a **mattress, bedding, recliner or couch smells**, remove the sheets and protective cover and **clean thoroughly**.
- Report to management — odor may be a sign of new incontinence or staff oversight.
- Don't worry about "tattling" — this is part of your role in maintaining dignity and safety.

🚪 Sound Sensitivity in Memory Care

- Residents in Memory Care are often more sensitive to **sounds and noise**.
- **Avoid vacuuming in a resident's room** while they are present — it can cause distress.
- Don't vacuum near dining areas during mealtimes — the noise can distract or upset residents.

💦 Wet Floor & Mopping Awareness

- After mopping, common areas and bedrooms may stay wet a bit — **residents might not cognitively recognize** the hazard.
- Always watch and, if possible, block or mark wet floors until dry.
- Use caution signs or cordon off areas briefly to keep residents safe.