



**GENERAL MANUAL POLICY**

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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**CATEGORY:** Supports and Services

**TOPIC:** Bathing / Anti-Scalding

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**POLICY**

Community Living Thunder Bay (CLTB) will assure that physical safeguards, procedures and practices are in place to protect the safety of persons being supported with bathing/showering. All support will promote respect and privacy practices.

**PURPOSE**

Community Living Thunder Bay in accordance with the regulations of Developmental Services Quality Assurance Measures outline by the Ministry of Community and social Services.

Regulation 299/10 25 (4) Each service agency shall have policies and procedures on scalding prevention, which shall ensure that the service agency has a method of temperature control, monitoring and documentation to ensure that in each residence water from a facet is not hotter than 49 degrees Celsius.

Regulation 299/10 25 (5) Each service agency shall have policies and procedures on supervision during bathing and showering to ensure the safety of the person, as appropriate to the needs of the person with a developmental disability.

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**PROCEDURE**

**Safety Measures for Water Temperature control:**

All shared living homes will have a mixing valve installed on the water heater tank to ensure water temperatures do not exceed 49 degrees Celsius or 120.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

Support staff shall complete a daily water check of the hot water temperature and document the temperature on the Daily Water Temperature Checklist.

To complete the daily test of hot water temperature support staff shall:

1. Turn on the water and let it run full blast for 1.5 – 2 minutes.
2. Place a thermometer into a cup/glass and place the cup/glass under the hot water while allowing the water to continuously flow from the faucet.
3. Note the highest temperature on the Daily Water Temperature Checklist.

Support staff shall immediately contact Clow Darling (807-623-7485) and notify their supervisor or on call supervisor if the temperature is over 49 degrees Celsius or 120.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Level of Supervision to Persons with Bathing/Showing:**

As a part of each person's **bathing protocol/daily personal care routine**, document the level and type of supervision and support required in file upload in AIMS. The following levels of supervision must be documented at the beginning of the **bathing protocol/daily personal care routine**. In addition, the person's preferences and wishes must be documented also around bathing supports.

Please ensure to define the Type/Level of Supervision in the beginning of the document from the list below:

- **FULL SUPERVISION:** person requires staff with them during the entire bath/shower.
- **PARTIAL SUPERVISION:** person requires assistance with most of the bathing/showering process but may be left alone briefly.
- **MINIMAL SUPERVISION:** person requires some supervision with aspects of the bathing/showering process.
- **NO SUPERVISION REQUIRED:** the person is independent in all aspects of the bathing/showering process.