

Continuing Care Staff-Assisted Bath/Shower Safe Bathing Temperatures Competency Checklist

Employee Name _____

Date _____

Signature of Observer _____

Location _____

The employee is deemed competent in applying the AHS Safe Bathing Temperatures and Frequency Policy and Procedures through the following activities.	YES	NO
Has read the Safe Bathing Temperatures Policy and Procedures		
Has completed education on <i>Safe Bathing Temperatures</i>		
Has successfully completed the <i>Safe Bathing Temperatures Quiz</i>		
Demonstrates knowledge of safe bathing temperature ranges:		
• 38° to 43°C for 13 years and older		
• 36.7° to 38°C for 12 years and younger		
States the maximum temperature for the daily hottest flowing water temperature for all therapeutic tubs in Continuing Care Homes as 49°C		
Identifies that the client/resident care plan is consulted, before proceeding, to determine preferences, ability or any special considerations/needs to be aware of		
Identifies the location of instructions for assisted bathing and equipment operation, as applicable		
Acknowledges that when two staff members are required to assist the client/resident, one staff member is responsible for running the water, checking the water temperature, recording the temperature checks, and bathing/showering the client/resident		
Identifies hazardous situations that may occur during the bath/shower		
Ensures the environment is safe for the client/resident		
Is familiar with the operation of the emergency call system within the bathing area (<i>as applicable</i>), and steps that are taken in case an emergency should occur		
Ensures all required bath/shower supplies are present prior to beginning activity		
Explains procedure and gains agreement of client/resident prior to proceeding with bath/shower		
Correctly performs and documents the recommended checks as per Three Checks	YES	NO
• Bath		
• Bath Rear/Side Opening Tub (<i>if applicable</i>)		
• Shower		
Demonstrates safe use of all equipment including mechanical lifts (<i>tub chairs</i>) and follows safe practices for assisting with client/resident transfers		
Encourages self-care where appropriate		
Acknowledges responsibility to report all changes in client/resident status and condition		
Identifies the direct supervisor who must be notified immediately of any clinical adverse event (<i>i.e. charge nurse, case manager, or team lead</i>)		

The employee must satisfactorily meet all sections of the following checklist after orientation prior to being permitted to perform bath/shower (staff-assisted). Competency must also be demonstrated following any policy breach and when deemed required by the supervising Health Care Professional. Completed checklists are to be maintained on the employee human resources record.