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<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>CLIENT SERVICES</b>
<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>HOT WATER TESTING</b>

Intent: To ensure hot water is regulated and monitored.

1. Household plumbing is modified to include plumbing hardware (e.g., pressure balance valve, thermostatic valve) which prevents scalding by keeping the temperature at a range between 41°C to 43°C, which is an anti-scalding range. Exceptions to this must have written annual guardian and physician approval.
  - a. All new homes must have a thermostatic mixing valve installed by a qualified professional as soon as possible and preferably prior to a client moving into the home.
  - b. The office supervisor will conduct an initial test at all the faucets for the temperature of the hot water prior to any clients moving into the home. If the temperature is in excess of the Alberta Building Code requirement, the temperature on the hot water tank will be lowered until it reaches this range.
2. A hot water test will be done every morning (between 0400 and 0700) prior to the first bath of the day to ensure the water temperature is between 41°C to 43°C. The temperature for each faucet in the home needs to be tested and recorded daily on the *Hot Water Faucet Temperature Checklist*. Each home’s installed thermostatic mixer valve has been set to ensure this temperature range is not exceeded at all house faucets. Exceptions to this must have annual written physician and guardian approval.
3. If the temperature of the hot water is not within the approved range, bathing and showering will NOT occur until the issue is resolved.
4. Office supervisors will review the *Hot Water Faucet Temperature Checklist* each time they visit the home.
5. Monthly, the office supervisor will follow: Testing the temperature of the Hot Water and Calibrating the Thermometer to “0”°C, and record this on the monthly Health & Safety Responsibilities Checklist.

**References:**

- Safe Bathing/Showering Procedure
- Accreditation Standards
- Individual Bathing Procedures
- Health and Safety Responsibilities Checklist
- Licensing Standards
- PDD Safety Standards