



AVENUE II COMMUNITY PROGRAM SERVICES
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PURPOSE: Avenue II in accordance with the regulations of Developmental Services Quality Assurance Measures outlined by the Ministry of Community and Social Services will assure the safety of persons being supporting while bathing/showering as appropriate to their individual support needs. All support will promote respect and privacy practices. Proper supervision is essential to avoid scalding, accidents in the bathroom and drowning. Regulation 299/10 25 (5)

PROCEDURE:

Staff will perform a Hot Water Check as per SS189 prior to the client Bathing/ Showering.

Level of supervision while client is bathing:

Each client will have the level of supervision required while bathing indicated in the "Guidelines for My Personal Care" to ensure safety. Where required family and physician will be consulted for input. Levels of supervision include:

- Full Supervision – client requires staff supervision during the entire bath. Use of bath curtain is acceptable for privacy.
- Partial Supervision –client requires assistance and supervision during bath but may be left briefly as indicated in "Guidelines for My Personal Care" i.e. for no more than 1 – 2 minutes
- Independent (No Supervision) – client may be left alone to bathe but requires assistance from staff as indicated in the Guidelines for My Personal Care. Verbal checks can be through a closed door.

Persons who have epilepsy will be supervised at all times while bathing/showering unless documentation is received by physician indicating Partial Supervision or Independent is acceptable. The supervision level and support needs will be clearly outlined in a specific bathing routine, appropriate to the needs of the person with a developmental disability and attached to the "Guidelines for My Personal Care" document and under Medical Safeguards of the Individual Support Plan.

It is the responsibility of the support worker to adhere to the specific support needs and ensure safety while bathing/showering.

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