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**Heat Related Illness Prevention and Management**

**Policy:** The heat related illness prevention and management plan must be implemented every year between May 15 to September 15; on any day the outside temperature is forecasted by Environment and Climate Change Canada to be 26 degrees Celsius or above at any point in during the day; and anytime when an area inside the home reaches 26 degrees Celsius or above, for the remainder of that day and the following day.

**Purpose:** Written heat related illness prevention and management plan for the home that meets the needs of the residents. This plan is evaluated and updated, at a minimum, annually.

**Procedure:**

* Educate staff to:
  + Identify specific risk factors that may lead to heat related illness
  + Identify symptoms of heat related illness
* Staff are required to:
  + Regularly monitor whether residents are exposed to risk factors and take appropriate actions in response
  + Regularly monitor whether residents exhibit symptoms of heat related illness and take appropriate actions in response
  + Implement specific interventions and strategies to prevent and mitigate the identified risk factors that may lead to heat related illness
  + Implement specific interventions and strategies to prevent or mitigate the identified symptoms of heat related illness in residents
* Use air conditioning, cooling equipment and other resources, as necessary, to protect residents from heat related illness
* There is a protocol to communicate the heat related illness prevention and management plan to residents, staff, volunteers, substitute decision-makers, visitors, the Residents’ Council of the home, the Family Council of the home, and others where appropriate.