

HOW HEALTH LEGISLATION APPLIES IN LICENSED CARE FACILITIES

The following document describes how provincial health legislation applies to licensed care settings and outlines how Licensing Officers (LO's) and Environmental Health Officers (EHO's) work in collaboration through the licence application process and once a licence is issued.

Category	Care Setting	Action
Food Safety	Residential Care with maximum capacity of 6 in care or child care with maximum capacity of 8 in care <i>in a single family dwelling</i> . Child Care Facilities dispensing lower risk foods for immediate service or serving minimally processed low risk foods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A food premises permit is not required under the <i>Food Premises Regulation</i>. • Licensing officer will recommend taking FOODSAFE Level 1 course. • LO will provide resources to encourage safe food handling.
	Child day care with 9 or more children in care and residential care with 7 or more persons in care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A food premises permit is required under the <i>Food Premises Regulation</i>. • LO will make a referral to Environmental Health. • LO will provide HP-CF 9043 Food Safety Approval Process in Child Care Facilities to applicant.
Drinking Water	Facilities served by an existing community water supply system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required by licensee. • LO will discuss the expectations for the provision of safe drinking water when boil water notice is issued.
	Single family dwelling on a private well.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Drinking Water Protection Act</i> does not apply and a permit is not required however the <i>Community Care and Assisted Living Act</i> requires safe drinking water for persons in care. • LO makes a referral to the local EHO.
	All other facilities not serviced by a community water supply system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a Permit to Operate a Drinking Water Supply System. • LO makes a referral to the Small Water Systems Drinking Water Officer.
Communicable Disease	All facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report suspected outbreaks to the CD Unit intake line (1-866-778-7736), • Submit an incident report to Licensing Direct.

Onsite Wastewater	All facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LO will consult with the EHO if there is a complaint of a sewage system malfunction.
Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs	Home based setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with swimming pool regulation not required. • LO will require compliance with Standard of Practice for Water Safety http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/library/publications/year/2013/safety-bulletin-water-safety.pdf
	All other facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a Permit to Operate a Swimming Pool. • LO will make a referral to the EHO
Indoor and Outdoor Air Quality	All facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All facilities are required to test for Radon. • LO will discuss this requirement at the time of application for a licence and at routine monitoring inspections. • LO will require a response plan when an air quality advisory is issued. .
First Nations Involvement	All facilities on First Nations Land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care settings on First Nations land require a licence under the <i>Community Care and Assisted Living Act</i>. • Environmental Health services are provided by FNHA. • Environmental Health services and communicable disease outbreaks are managed by Interior Health in cooperation with Band Leaders.