

Part A applies to:

All 1010 (24-hour staffed homes),

All 1030 (Supported Independent living homes – except where individual live with family and WIN doesn't assist at all with bathing).

The water temperature must be tested and recorded monthly on the log sheet – see reverse. Test on the same date each month, e.g., 1st, 15th etc., it's also best to test the water temperature in the morning hopefully before any water has been used.

Procedure:

1. To test water temperature for the whole house:
 - a). Turn on the hot water tap for a sink and allow the water to run for approximately one minute,
 - b). Then, hold the thermometer probe under the running water
 - c). After 30 – 60 seconds, read the temperature,
 - d). Water should be no hotter than 49 degrees Celsius (120 degrees Fahrenheit)
2. If the water is hotter than 49 degrees Celsius (120 degrees Fahrenheit):
 - a). In WIN's homes the hot water system panel must be turned down. All staff will be shown how to turn the hot water panel down.
 - b). In other homes/apartments, staff must contact the landlord,
3. If the water is too hot, it must be retested in the same manner 24 hours after the hot water tank or system panel has been turned down. NOTE: Until the hot water tank or system panel has been turned down and then checked to be correct - follow the bath temperature procedures in Part B (listed below) for all clients in this household.
4. Record; water temperature; date; and sign the log. Include same information with retests as well.

Part B applies to:

All homes where WIN staff physically assists an individual with bathing and/or to adjust bath temperature. This may not include all individuals in the same home. All 1010 (24-hour staffed homes) and all 1050 (Out-of-home Respite)

In these situations the bathing water temperature must be carefully tested for every bath.

Procedure:

1. To test bath temperature:
 - a). Do not leave an individual unattended in bathroom while bath water is being run,
 - b). Fill tub with desired amount of water, stir water to eliminate hot/cold spots.
 - c). Test water temperature by placing the thermometer probe into the water,
 - d). Bath water should be no hotter than 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit),
 - e). Adjust water temperature as needed and then retest with thermometer
 - f). If the individual turns on the water after you leave, the water temperature must be retested.