



*This Manual
Is Dedicated to
Child Care Providers
and to
The Children
Who Will Benefit From
Safe Healthy Environments*



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BACKGROUND

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit is dedicated to the principles of public health. It is our mandate to promote health and primary prevention for the entire District of Thunder Bay in accordance with specific legislation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The programs and services offered are designed to reach out to the 158,000 individuals who live in this vast area that stretches from Upsala in the west, to Manitouwadge in the east; and south from the Canadian/U.S. border, north to Hudson Bay. The Health Unit's activities are delivered in 14 municipalities across the District, and to the unorganized areas between.

As one of 36 health units across the Province of Ontario, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit complies with the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Ontario Public Health Standards, 2008.

In doing so, the Health Unit carries out three fundamental roles:

1. it is responsible for the delivery of provincial public health standards in the areas of chronic disease and injuries, family health and infectious diseases;
2. it coordinates clinical and specialty services in the areas of dental and sexual health, needle exchange, genetic, and speech and audiology; and
3. it offers unique resources to the district, including access to up-to-date health status information, population health program planning and health communications.

Purpose of this Manual

In compliance with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit's fundamental roles, the purpose of this manual is to:

- assist daycare administrators in upholding current provincial public health standards to promote the health and safety of the children that attend daycare;
- promote public health best practices within the daycare setting and beyond, into the homes of the children that attend; and
- provide an overview of the variety and nature of public health services available to children, families and daycare administrators.

Extra Copies or Additional Information

Each daycare within the District of Thunder Bay will receive a copy of this manual. If additional copies are required, please contact the Health Unit by calling 807-625-8318 or toll-free at 1-888-294-6630. A fee may be required for additional copies.

For additional information about the operation of daycares as it pertains to public health standards and practices, please call the numbers above.

