

FACT SHEET:

Safety Plans

Section 60 of the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* (the “Act”) requires retirement homes in Ontario to have an emergency plan and an infection prevention and control program. Sections 24 through 27 of Regulation 166/11 under the Act (the “Regulation”) set out the specific requirements for the plan and the program.

Emergency Plans

A licensee of a retirement home must ensure that there is an emergency plan in place for the retirement home to respond to emergencies in the home or in the community in which the home is located.

The Regulation sets out general requirements that apply to emergency plans for all retirement homes. The general requirements are in section 24 of the Regulation. Section 24 requires the plan to be in writing and includes additional requirements relating to the testing of the plan and planned evacuations of the home.

In addition to the general requirements in section 24, the Regulation contains two different sets of requirements that apply depending on the size of the retirement home. The additional requirements in section 25 of the Regulation apply to homes with more than 10 residents. A home with more than 10 residents must meet and fulfill the requirements of both



section 24 and 25 of the Regulation. The additional requirements in section 26 of the Regulation apply to homes with 10 or fewer residents. A home with 10 or fewer residents must fulfill the requirements of both section 24 and 26 of the Regulation.

Infection Prevention and Control Program

A licensee of a retirement home must ensure that the home has in place an infection prevention and control program. Section 27 of the Regulation sets out the requirements for the program. These requirements include consulting with the local medical officer of health or designate about reducing the incidence of infectious disease outbreaks in the home. Other requirements include screening and training of staff, access to information about proper hygiene, and the making hand sanitizers available in the home.

The *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* is available at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca

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