

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Resident Care	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Safety Checks	<b>SECTION:</b> S
<b>DATE:</b> June 2004	<b>Administrator:</b> _____ <i>J. M.</i>	<b>POLICY:</b> 1
<b>REVISION DATES:</b>	<b>Director of Care:</b> _____ <i>Cheryl Allicko</i>	

**SAFETY CHECKS**

**POLICY:**

All residents will be checked hourly and bi – hourly with follow – up notation on the flow sheet to ensure resident safety and that care needs are met.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Health Care Aides assigned to each group will complete the hourly checks, taking approximately 5 min./check. HCA will check every hour for:
  - a. Safe positioning
  - b. Bed rails in place as required
  - c. Call bell is in place and within reach for resident use
2. Health Care Aides assigned to each group will complete the bi-hourly checks, taking approximately 5 min./check. HCA will check bi-hourly for:
  - a. All of the above
  - b. Adequate liquids
  - c. Toileting of resident or incontinence product changed as per need and protocol
  - d. Visual check of residents who wear a wandergard.
3. Registered Staff will be aware of resident's activities throughout the day and will complete bi-hourly rounds on the night shift to ensure all residents are safe.