

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Resident Care	SUBJECT: Choking – Residents Eating in Their Rooms	SECTION: C
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CHOKING – RESIDENTS EATING IN THEIR ROOMS

POLICY:

All residents are encouraged to eat their meals in the dining rooms. From time to time, ill residents will receive nutrition in their rooms. A full meal will be given under the supervision of another person. This person may be staff, a family member or another assigned individual. Liquids may be given unsupervised.

OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure safety from choking.
- To ensure adequate hydration and nutrition.

PROCEDURE:

- If staff determine that a resident is too ill to attend the dining room, the Registered staff will be informed and will make appropriate decisions as to the level of nutrition / supervision that is required.
- Residents who normally eat with little or no assistance will be served meals(s) during these circumstances of ill health in their room with access at all times to a call bell. Full supervision of meals will be provided in these circumstances to residents who normally require assistance at mealtimes(s).