



WATER TEMPERATURE CHECK PROCESS	TEMPERATURE CHECKS	
	BATH	SHOWER
 Daily by designated appropriate staff maximum water temperature of 43° Celsius minimum water temperature of 38° Celsius 		
Each Therapeutic Tub in long-term care, supportive living levels 3 and 4, and adult day program settings ** Prior to the first bath of each day **		
Each staff assisted patient bath/shower		
While water is running, using integrated tub thermometer, if available, or hand-held thermometer	Check 1	
While water is running, using staff's forearm, or integrated shower thermometer, if available and preferred		Check 1
Once tub is filled, using hand-held thermometer	Check 2	
Immediately prior to patient entering bath/shower using staff's forearm	Check 3	Check 2
Immediately prior to patient entering shower and if NOT contra- indicated, using patient's unaffected forearm. If not performed by patient, then checked using staff's forearm		Check 3

Reference: Alberta Health Services Safe Bath Temperatures Document# SH-002-001