



Useful Ministry of Health and BC Government Legislation and Policy on Long-Term Care

Legislation Governing Seniors Care (last update 2017)

There is a broad legislative framework that sets out protections and safeguards for seniors and others receiving health care services. For a list describing the Acts and Regulations that govern seniors' health care services in B.C.

[Legislation Governing Seniors Care \(PDF, 78KB\)](#)

We recommend all family councils educate on the following:

[Community Care and Assisted Living Act](#)

- Provides licensing for community care facilities
- Provides information about the powers and duties of [Medical Health Officers \(MHOs\)](#). Under the Act, an MHO may issue, suspend, or attach terms or conditions to a license, and vary terms or conditions of that license without notice if he or she has reasonable grounds to believe that there is an immediate risk to the health or safety of a person in care.
- MHO must investigate every application and every complaint, carry out inspections, and perform additional duties during the administration of the Act. An MHO may grant an exemption from a requirement of the Act or regulation, provided that there is no increased risk to health or safety of a person or persons in care.

In particular: [Home and Community Care Policy Manual](#)

[Section 6 Long-Term Care](#) AND [Residential Care Regulations](#)

Sections 59-59.2 about Family and Resident Councils