

PENTICTON AND DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

POLICY: DEATH

SERVICE AREA: ALL AREAS

APPLIES TO: ALL PERSONNEL, SERVICE RECIPIENTS, STUDENTS, VISITORS
AND VOLUNTEERS

POLICY

Death is a natural and inevitable part of the life cycle. Whether anticipated or unexpected, it can be a deeply traumatic experience for those affected. Everyone will, at some point, face the grief that accompanies the loss of a loved one. Grieving is a deeply personal and unique journey, and each individual experience it in their own way.

Planning for future health care, including end-of-life decisions, is a crucial conversation that can be addressed long before an individual is deemed palliative by a physician and requires end-of-life care. It is important for individuals to discuss their beliefs, values, and wishes regarding health care with their close support network, ensuring that these decisions are made in a manner that respects their preferences.

PDSCL recognizes the importance of providing support during these difficult times. We are committed to offering staff, volunteers, and service recipients information on managing grief and will direct them to the appropriate resources and support services. Furthermore, PDSCL will adhere to the reporting requirements outlined in our contracts, ensuring that we meet all necessary obligations while providing compassionate care during these challenging moments.

PROCEDURE

The Death Procedure is outlined in the Emergency and Safety Plan (also referred to as the Emergency Plan or Disaster Plan) for each Penticton and District Society for Community Living (PDSCL) operational site.

Each site's Emergency and Safety Plan includes detailed procedures for responding to Death, ensuring a prompt, coordinated, and effective response that aligns with established safety protocols.

Since each site varies based on its demographic, service recipients, and worksite structure, a tailored procedure is implemented for each location within the framework of their specific Emergency and Safety Plan.

For detailed, site-specific procedures, please refer to the corresponding Emergency and Safety Plan for your location.

EMERGENCY AND SAFETY PLAN	WORKSITE ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT
Housing and Finance Emergency and Safety Plan	439 Winnipeg Street Penticton, V2A 6P4	Housing Office, Administration
Compass and Skaha Emergency and Safety Plan	1714 Main Street, Penticton, V2A 5G8 1722 Main Street, Penticton, V2A 5G8 2872 Skaha Lake Road, Penticton, V2A 6G1	Compass House Shelter, Compass Court, Skaha Motels
180 Emergency and Safety Plan	180 Industrial Avenue, Penticton, V2A 6X9	Day Services, Employment, Youth, Outreach, Community Inclusion
Chestnut Assisted Living Emergency and Safety Plan	453 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, V2A 5M6	Chestnut Place including Kitchen and Janitorial
Creekside Emergency and Safety Plan	524 Pickering Street, Penticton, V2A 4H2	Community Inclusion, Outreach
Reeds Corner Emergency and Safety Plan	885 Fairview Road, Penticton, V2A 5Y7	Community Inclusion, Outreach
Bruce House Emergency and Safety Plan	146 Bruce Court, Penticton, V2A 6C4	Bruce House, Bruce Court
Murray House Emergency and Safety Plan	110 Murray Drive, Penticton, V2A 7E4	Murray House