

# Legislative Authority for the Ontario Public Health Standards and Incorporated Protocols

## Enforceable

## Not Enforceable

### HPPA, Section 7

- 7 (1) – provides the minister the authority to issue guidelines
- 7 (2) – requires that guidelines are transmitted to boards of health
- 7 (3) – states that a guideline is not a regulation
- 7 (4) – clarifies that a guideline is subordinate to a regulation
- 7 (5) – allows for the adoption of other documents by reference, in a guideline
- 7 (6) – specifies that a document incorporated by reference should be referred to as “amended from time to time”
- 7 (7) – states that a document comes into effect when the MOHLTC notifies boards of health and when it publishes a notice

### LEGISLATION

*The Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990*



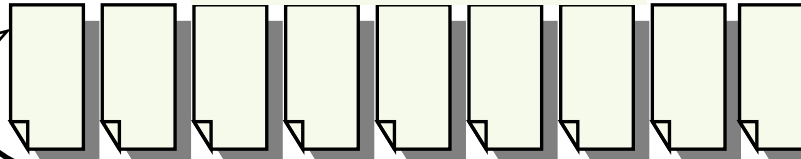
Section 7 provides the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care with the authority to issue guidelines

### GUIDELINES = ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS (OPHS)

The OPHS includes 1 foundational standard and 13 program standards. Each program standard includes goals, societal outcomes, board of health outcomes, and requirements.

<b>Foundational Standard</b>	<b>Chronic Diseases &amp; Injuries Standard</b>	<b>Family Health Standard</b>	<b>Infectious Diseases Standard</b>	<b>Environmental Health Standard</b>	<b>Emergency Preparedness Standard</b>
1 Standard	2 Program Standards	2 Program Standards	5 Program Standards	3 Program Standards	1 Program Standard

### PROTOCOLS - 26 in total



### BEST PRACTICE / GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Documents, or sections of documents, which may be referenced in protocols are **enforceable** when referred to as “in accordance with”.

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Documents, or sections of documents, which may be referenced in protocols are **not enforceable** when referred in such a manner as to indicate that they are being provided for guidance purposes only. An example of this would be where the document is referred to as being provided to the board of health for their “further information”.

### Protocols -

Protocols include detailed direction to assist boards of health to operationalize specific requirements in the OPHS. 26 protocols in total are included in the OPHS.