

# Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA)



## The Health Protection and Promotion Act:

- is a provincial statute that gives boards of health their legal mandate and is the most important piece of legislation for boards of health.
- provides for the organization and delivery of public health programs and services, the prevention of the spread of disease, and the promotion and protection of the health of the people of Ontario.
- prescribes the existence, structures, governance and functions of boards of health, as well as the activities of medical officers of health and certain public health functions of the Minister.
- empowers the Minister of Health to publish guidelines for the provision of mandatory programs and services, through the Ontario Public Standards and its associated protocols. The **Ontario Public Health Standards** were last updated in 2021 and the associated protocols are regularly updated.
- provides the legal authority to establish boards of health and specifies that there must be a board of health for each health unit.
- includes 19 regulations that govern board of health composition, qualifications of staff, food safety, swimming pool health and safety, school health, and communicable disease control.
- is organized into the following nine parts:
  - Interpretation
  - Health Programs and Services
  - Community Health Protection
  - Communicable Diseases
  - Rights of Entry and Appeals from Orders
  - Health Units and Boards of Health
  - Administration
  - Regulations
  - Enforcement

The information contained in this fact sheet originates from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' **2018 Orientation Manual for Board of Health Members**.

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