

MOVING AND HANDLING

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy that a Moving and Handling programme is maintained to protect the health and safety of all staff and patients.

The BOPDHB Moving and Handling policy applies to all BOPDHB employees, external personnel and other people acting as agents of BOPDHB activities in all areas of the organisation.

PURPOSE

To create an environment where staff can be educated, equipped, supported and encouraged to manage moving and handling tasks in a way that prevents or reduces the risk of injury to themselves and others.

EXCLUSIONS

There are no exclusions.

REFERENCES

- [OSH / ACC Code of Practice for Manual Handling 2003](#)
- [New Zealand Patient Handling Guidelines](#)
- [OSH Back in Care – Preventing musculoskeletal injuries in staff in hospitals and residential care facilities](#)
- [Health & Safety at Work Act 2015](#)

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.8 Protocol 1 Moving and Handling - Reporting
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.8 Protocol 2 Moving and Handling - Training
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.8 Protocol 3 Moving and Handling - Equipment
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.8 Protocol 4 Moving and Handling - Laundry
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.8 Protocol 5 Moving and Handling - Ambulance Transfer Nurse
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.8 Protocol 6 Moving and Handling - Bariatric Patient
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.4 Restraint Minimisation and Safe Practices
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.1 Risk Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.3 Hazard Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.3.1 Protocol 6 Employee Health & Safety - Work Accident Claims and Return to Work
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.M2.1 Manual Handling – Equipment Safety Checks
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Reportable Event Form

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