

## Bathing/Shower Assessment

**Maximum Bathing Temperature:** Bathing water must be no hotter than **43 degrees Celsius<sup>†</sup> (55F)**.

Staff are to record bathing temperature within service user care plan notes and weekly on the 'Water Temperature Record' for all communal bathing/shower facilities.

**Maximum Shower Temperature:** Shower water must be no hotter than **41 degrees Celsius<sup>†</sup> (52F)**.

Staff must record the temperature as above.

<sup>†</sup> as determined by HSE Scalding risk of hot water in Health and Social Care 14/06/2007

Service user details	
Surname	
Forename	
DoB	
Sex	
Completed by	
Date completed	

**Place a cross in the relevant box below and complete the Action Plan when boxes marked with a \* are selected.**

<b>BATHING/SHOWERING.</b> Task number & Task:	YES	NO	Specify assistance if required – complete action plan below when required*.
1. Get in/out of the bath shower unaided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	* <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Sit up and wash themselves unaided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	* <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Any impairment of sensation, such as loss of sensation due to Stroke or other injury, which may affect their ability to identify if water is too hot?	* <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Does this service users mental state permit them to recognise of a bath is too hot?	<input type="checkbox"/>	* <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Is this service user capable of summoning assistance if needed? NB: Service user should not be left unsupervised while staff assistance is required with bathing/showering.	<input type="checkbox"/>	* <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Is a hoist required to bath/shower this service user which may impair their mobility while in the bath?	* <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is this service user likely to try to run a bath when unaided (particular issue for confused service users or those with dementia).	* <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### **ACTION PLAN:**

Task Number:	Risk/s identified:	Management of Risk/Action to take and by whom?

**Discussed and agreed with service user** *Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Review date:**