

Fact Sheet: Reporting Sanitation/Health Hazards

Barbers/Barber Shops

The following outlines the process for the submission and investigation of complaints concerning sanitation and other health related hazards in barber shops in Nova Scotia.

Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC):

- Public Health professionals within ECC work to prevent disease and injuries related to environments where people live, play and gather by identifying, assessing and controlling factors that affect human health in our built and natural world.
- Information regarding how complaints respecting health hazards, including sanitation matters, are responded to is set out in Part I of the *Health Protection Act, Health Hazards Regulations*, which can be found here:
<https://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/hpahzrds.htm>
- For additional information on the role of the ECC and its responsibilities for overseeing matters surrounding sanitation and health issues, you can visit their website at: <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/environmental-health/>

Complaint Submission Process:

- All reports of potential health hazards within Barber Shops must be submitted to an ECC regional office or online (see below).
- Reports may be submitted on the Department of Environment and Climate Change Website: <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/environmental-health/contact.asp>
- For further information you may call ECC at: 1-877-936-8476

Investigation Information:

- The Medical Officer of Health (MOH) has the authority under the *Health Protection Act* (HPA) to investigate any complaint or incident that they deem to present a potential health hazard.
- At the direction of the MOH, and under the authority of the HPA, Public Health Officers are responsible to investigate reports of health hazards to determine whether a health hazard exists.
- Public Health Officers will evaluate the details of the complaint and assess public health hazard. They may consult with the MOH and may require remedial actions to ensure that there is no continued health risk.