

Jury Recommendations Concerning the Death of
Mr. Cecil Randle

Recommendations {to be numbered sequentially (e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4...)}:

We the Jury make the following recommendations:

A. SMOKING ROOMS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES (LTCF)

1. That the Office of the Fire Marshall at the Ministry of the Solicitor General strike a task force to investigate, review and report back to the Chief Coroner within 12 months on the following aspects of smoking rooms in long-term care facilities (LTCF).
 - (i) Mandatory placing of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in smoking rooms;
 - (ii) The mandatory placing of fire extinguishers in smoking rooms.
 - (iii) The location of smoking rooms within LTCF to ensure a high degree of visibility to staff;
 - (iv) The maximization of the visibility of the interior of smoking rooms in LTCF to persons looking in from outside the room;
 - (v) The use of video cameras and video monitoring of activities in such smoking rooms; staff to be assigned to physically monitor smoking room at regular intervals;
 - (vi) The actual physical design or configuration of smoking rooms with interior sliding doors. The mandatory addition of an alternate escape route clearly marked with an exit sign;
 - (vii) The furnishings and contents of smoking rooms including placement of furnishings to maximize visibility and safety of users;
 - (viii) The utilization of ignition system(s) other than matches, butane or other fuel lighters used to light smoking materials in smoking rooms;
 - (ix) Hours of operation of smoking rooms.
 - (x) Consideration of additional ventilation of fresh air to smoking rooms;
 - (xi) It is recommended that house cleaning duties be increased within the smoking room to 4 (four) times a day ;
2. That all LTCF ensure that safety equipment such as fire extinguishen; and fire safety blanket(s) be located in a readily 8e<:essible area to smoking rooms and be clearly marked.
3. The administrators of all L TCF will supply at their expense an adequate supply of smoking aprons for residents who may be required to use them.

B. SMOKING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO LTCF

4. That the MOH adopt a policy/directive to all LTCF that all present and prospective residents who smoke be assessed according to a smoking assessment similar to that developed by Pinewood Court in Thunder Bay.
5. That the MOH adopt a policy/directive to all CCAC's interviewing prospective residents of LTCF to assess them according to a comprehensive smoking assessment to be developed for this purpose.
6. That MOM adopt a policy/directive to all LTCF requiring them to establish smoking laws or policies that promote safe smoking practices.
7. Attire worn by the smoking residents of LTCF to be adequate for that purpose.

C. FIRE SAFETY AND TRAINING IN LTCF

8. That the Administrator of all LTCF ensure that their staff, volunteers, or students are made aware of the contents of the Fire Safety Plan for their facility.
9. That each LTCF review their staff and volunteers education/training relating to fire safety in conjunction with the local Fire Prevention Office or with the Fire Marshall's Office.
10. Each LTCF will review with their staff & volunteers the policies & procedures in compliance with the Occupational Health & Safety Code. Workers Compensation and the Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (W.H.M.I.S.).
11. That the Administrators of all L TCF ensure that all their staff have attended Fire Safety Training/Fire Drills at least once in a 6-month period or with such frequency as may be suggested by the local Fire Prevention Office or the Fire Marshall's Office.
12. That the Administrators of all LTCF as part of their staff training/education with respect to fire safety, ensure that their staff are aware of the existence and location of fire safety equipment and how to use such equipment.
13. That the Administrators of all LTCF take measures to ensure that residents of their facility are aware of the location of fire safety equipment.
14. That the Administrators of all LTCF update their brochures and other written materials distributed to volunteers, residents and to their families to heighten their awareness of fire safety, fire emergency procedures and the facility's smoking laws and policies.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PINEWOOD COURT

In consideration of this tragic event at Pinewood Court, that they will consider the following recommendations;

15. Consider providing professional counseling for those involved in the fire incident;

16. Consider physically monitoring the smoking room until such time that monitoring equipment is installed for the assurance of all residents.
17. Consider currently reviewing the Occupational & Safety Act with all the employees.
18. Consider increasing their present housekeeping duties within the smoking room.