

Standards of Practice



PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

STANDARD STATEMENT

The dental hygienist is aware of, understands, and practices in compliance with all applicable legislation and regulatory requirements.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

The dental hygienist must...

1. Be accountable for their own actions.
2. Practice within their regulated scope of practice and individual competency level.
3. Demonstrate sound professional judgment and integrity.
4. Practice under conditions that do not compromise their own professional judgment or integrity.
5. Not impose conditions on another regulated health professional that compromises the other regulated health professional's judgment or integrity.
6. Maintain a level of personal and professional conduct that upholds the integrity and dignity of the profession and sustains public confidence.
7. Cooperate and comply with the requests of the College and its Council, officials, and committees to enable the College to fulfill its legislated responsibilities.
8. Be aware of and comply with all applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in Alberta (e.g., privacy legislation, health and safety legislation, Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics).
9. Take reasonable steps to ensure policies and procedures in the practice setting follow the legislation and regulatory requirements to which dental hygienists are accountable.
10. Maintain registration with the College and hold a valid practice permit when providing dental hygiene services.
11. Perform restricted activities only as authorized by the College.

CLIENT EXPECTATION

The **client** can expect that the dental hygiene services they receive are provided by a competent dental hygienist who follows all rules and expectations of the profession.