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## 4.3 DRESS CODE

All staff members employed by CHC will adhere to the agency's dress code.

### **Purpose:**

- ✚ To promote a professional home health care staff image

### **Procedure:**

- ✚ Home health care staff members will adhere to the following standards in their dress and appearance:
  - Employees of Compassion HomeCare must dress in a neat, tidy and professional manner always.
  - Clean, neat scrubs are preferred, but a clean, neat pair of trousers and shirt is acceptable.
  - Clothing must have no tears, no cut-offs pants, shorts or pyjamas pants, no spaghetti straps, no low-cut tops, etc.
  - A name tag must always be worn.
  - Clean, non-skid shoes **must** be worn always when providing client care and working in the client's home. Do not wear outside footwear in client's home. Proper footwear is a requirement under *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and staff must adhere to this always.
  - All staff must practice good personal hygiene: shower, clean & neat hair, clean teeth and fingernails that are also short. No artificial nails or nail polish.
  - Do not carry the smell of perfume, cigarettes or pets into the client's home.
  - Jewellery is worn sparingly (e.g. a ring and small earrings), avoid wearing chains as this may be a potential choking hazard.

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