

## “PUBLIC BATHS”

Sometimes called bathhouses, saunas or steam baths are private businesses open to the public. These places may include amenities such as public showers, jacuzzi tubs, saunas (dry or wet), locker facilities, private change rooms (including doors and locks) work-out facilities and lounges. Admission may be required.

### **PUBLIC BATHS:**

Karel's Steam Bath - 12 Holton Ave.  
North, Hamilton

Central Spa – 401 Main Street West,  
Hamilton

## “BODY RUB PARLOURS”

Sometimes called massage studios or private spas. Body Rub Parlours includes any premise or part where a body-rub is performed, offered or solicited as part of a trade, calling, business or occupation. These places may include amenities such as saunas (dry or wet) public showers, private rooms and lounges.

### LINKS:

[www.aidsnetwork.ca](http://www.aidsnetwork.ca)

[www.city.hamilton.on.ca/phcs/  
Sexual-Health/](http://www.city.hamilton.on.ca/phcs/Sexual-Health/)

[www.hivpositive.com](http://www.hivpositive.com)

[www.hc-  
sc.gc.ca/english/lifestyles/sexuality](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/lifestyles/sexuality)



**G.L.B.T. Task Force**

Inquiries can be directed to:



Hamilton Police Service  
Community Relations  
(905) 546-4910 or

Hate Crime Investigator (905) 546-5678

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THE  
LAW  
AND  
YOU**

The Definition of a Public Place is continuing to evolve in the Courts. There is no hard and fast definition that can be applied in all circumstances. Any specific questions about particular situations should be directed to a Criminal Lawyer for advice.

The law relating to Indecent Acts, Public Place continues to change based on case law. What is judged to be an Indecent Act will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the specific circumstances surrounding the situation.

## **Indecent Acts: Section 173 of the Criminal Code of Canada**

**173(1)** everyone who willfully does an indecent act

**(a)** in a public place in the presence of one or more persons, or

**(b)** in any place, with the intent thereby to insult or offend any person, is guilty of an offence, punishable on summary conviction

**173(2)** every person who, in any place, for a sexual purpose, exposes his or her genital organs to a person who is under the age of 14 years is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction

## **Sex is Okay**

- In your residence out of sight of the public
- Hotel/motel rooms out of sight of the public
- In a locked, closed area not accessible or visible to the public

## **Sex is not Okay**

- In public places, parks, public washrooms, shopping malls, theaters (just because you pay admission or membership fees to attend a location does not make it private)
- Anywhere that is accessible or visible to the public ( this could include your residence or your vehicle )

## **This pamphlet is provided for information purposes by the Hamilton Police G.L.B.T. Task Force. The mandate of the G.L.B.T. Task Force is:**

- ❖ Problem solving about operational and administrative matters when they can or do affect the communities involved.
- ❖ Liaise, foster and continue to promote positive relationships with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities.
- ❖ Improving the workplace climate and developing policy or programs to recruit Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered employees and facilitate a safe space for existing Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered employees.
- ❖ In partnership with the involved communities, to develop and deliver training and education to members of the Hamilton Police Service, specifically Frontline Officers.
- ❖ Improve awareness of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Task Force within the Hamilton Police Service and with our external community partners.
- ❖ To advocate on behalf of members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community when their assistance is requested by a member of the community.