



What is the Provincial Violence Prevention Steering Committee?

Violence in healthcare workplaces is a national concern in Canada, with **one-quarter of all incidents of workplace violence occurring at health services organizations**. At Health PEI, a multidisciplinary group called the **Provincial Violence Prevention Steering Committee** meets regularly to promote a safe and respectful environment across the organization. This committee is dedicated to **minimizing the risk of workplace violence** and **maintaining compliance with Occupational Health and Safety legislation**.

Patient/client/resident behaviour-related incidents are the most frequently reported Employee Events at Health PEI

Quick Facts about the Purpose, Scope and Mandate of the Committee:

- To increase staff and client safety by reducing the risks of workplace violence
- To create a workplace violence prevention program that promotes a robust culture of safety in collaboration with the unions, partners and key stakeholders
- To raise awareness of hazards/risks of workplace violence among all stakeholders and recommend measures to identify and minimize hazards/risks
- To participate in the selection of control measures to mitigate risks of violence (e.g., policies, signage, communication)
- Identify and support the development, implementation and evaluation of a violence prevention education program
- To monitor Health PEI statistics and trends related to workplace violence prevention to ensure hazards/risks are proactively identified and eliminated/minimized

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