



Accreditation: ROP of the Week

Required Organizational Practice: Suicide Prevention

WHAT IS SUICIDE PREVENTION?

- Patients/clients/residents are assessed and monitored for risk of suicide.
- Every year, close to 3,700 people in Canada die by suicide. Many of these deaths could be prevented by early recognition of the signs of suicidal thinking and offering appropriate intervention.

This ROP applies to the following standards:
Mental Health Services, Long Term Care, Emergency Department, Community-Based Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Problem Gambling

AT HEALTH PEI:

- Patients/clients/residents are **assessed for suicide risk** in Mental Health and Addictions (MHA) programs, Emergency Departments, and in Long-Term Care (LTC).
- The organization uses **evidence-based suicide risk assessment tools** to assess patients/clients/residents during in-take/admission, at regular intervals during their admission/hospital stay or as patient/client/resident needs change.
- Patients/clients/residents identified as high risk for suicide have **increased monitoring and adjusted care plans** which must be documented in the patient/client/resident's health record.
- There is a **LTC Assessment of Suicide Risk and Attempted Suicide Policy** and **MHA Suicide Risk Management Policy** available on PDMS/MedWorxx.
- Education on suicide prevention is provided to staff in various programs (Emergency Department, MHA, LTC).
- The MHA Quality Improvement Team monitors compliance of suicide risk assessment on admission in acute care and community programs.

Questions Accreditation Canada Surveyors May Ask Staff:

Tell me how a patient/client/resident is assessed for the risk of suicide.

How are immediate safety needs addressed for a patient identified as a risk for suicide?

What education/training have you received on suicide prevention?