

Canadian Nurses Protective Society

More than liability protection



Who we are

The Canadian Nurses Protective Society (CNPS) is a not-for-profit society that offers legal advice, risk-management services, legal assistance and professional liability protection related to nursing practice in Canada. The CNPS was created by nurses for nurses in 1988. We offer legal assistance on a discretionary basis that meets the professional liability needs of nurses in all nursing roles.

Who is eligible

Nurses are eligible for CNPS core services (including professional liability protection) as a benefit of their membership in a CNPS member organization or through joining the CNPS on an individual basis.

Eligible nurses are referred to as "CNPS beneficiaries." Any registered nurse, nurse practitioner, licensed/registered practical nurse or registered psychiatric nurse practising in Canada may become a CNPS beneficiary.

Visit cnps.ca/eligibility to view a list of organizations whose members are CNPS beneficiaries and for information on how to join the CNPS.

Overview of core services

- Professional legal advice related to your nursing practice
- Risk-management and educational services, including webinars and publications
- Pre-contractual review of professional service agreements
- Assistance with legal proceedings:
 - Claims and civil proceedings (up to \$10 million per claim)
 - Criminal investigations and prosecutions (up to \$1 million per occurrence)
 - Statutory offences (up to \$1 million per occurrence)
 - Coroner's investigations or public inquiries
 - Witness appearances
 - General legal assistance to contain or mitigate a risk

Visit cnps.ca/services for more information.

CNPS Supplementary Protection

For an additional fee, CNPS beneficiaries can also apply for optional Supplementary Protection to be eligible for assistance in the event of a complaint to their nursing regulator. It includes up to \$50,000 for legal defence costs if the complaint results in a referral to a disciplinary hearing.

Visit cnps.ca/supp for more information or to apply.

The CNPS: a lifetime investment

CNPS professional liability protection is occurrence-based, which means there is no time limit on the assistance we provide. As long as you were a beneficiary at the time of the incident, you remain eligible for assistance with claims arising from your nursing practice, regardless of when the claim is commenced.

CNPS protection extends to your professional nursing services in any role, whether you are providing care, managing the provision of care, conducting research, or providing volunteer services.

Confidentiality

Any information you provide to the CNPS remains confidential and will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected. Information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless required by law. Information is also protected under solicitor-client privilege when it is provided to obtain legal advice.

Please refer to the CNPS Privacy Code at cnps.ca/privacy for more information on how we protect your privacy.

The CNPS is here for you!

The Canadian Nurses Protective Society was created specifically to provide nurses in Canada with professional liability protection and legal support for their nursing practice.

Our mandate is to protect your professional integrity and to assist you in providing safe care to your patients. It's what we do every day.

When should you call the CNPS?

Call the CNPS at the earliest opportunity if any of the following occurs:

- An incident related to your nursing practice
- Uncertainty related to your professional or legal obligations
- You receive a complaint about your care
- You receive court documents or a subpoena
- A police or criminal investigation
- An inquiry from your regulatory body (college or association)
- You receive a threat of legal action
- A request for information concerning a patient's record or care
- You have legal or risk-management questions related to your nursing practice

If your request is out of the scope of CNPS services, we will recommend other resources to you.

Contact the CNPS

Call us if you need assistance or have questions.



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