

Professional Person Statement

The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act [s. 12.4]

Please email completed statement to victimsservices@gov.sk.ca.

Section 1 – Client Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Address	City/Town	Postal Code
Telephone Number <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Mode of Contact	Email Address <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Mode of Contact	
Number of Dependents -		

Section 2 – Client Consent and Declaration

By signing my name below, I hereby consent to allow the Government of Saskatchewan to contact the Professional Person below to confirm any or all of the reported information used to complete their assessment. If I am an individual completing this form on the behalf of another individual, I bear responsibility for any fraudulent information reported.

I declare the information I have provided to the Professional Person listed below is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and was provided in good faith.

Name (Printed)

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Signature

Section 3 – Professional Person Information

Name of Professional Person	Agency Name or Stamp (if Applicable)	
Occupation/Position		
Business Address		
City/Town		

Section 4 – Professional Person Declaration

In accordance with *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act*, “**cohabitants**” are defined as persons who have resided together or who are residing together in a family relationship, spousal relationship or intimate relationship; persons who are the parents of one or more children, regardless of their marital status or whether they have lived together at any time; persons who are in an ongoing caregiving relationship, regardless of whether they have lived together at any time.

“**Interpersonal violence**” is defined as any intentional or reckless act or omission that causes bodily harm or damage to property; any act or threatened act that causes a reasonable fear of bodily harm or damage to property; forced confinement; sexual abuse; harassment; or deprivation of necessities. A “**victim**” is defined as a cohabitant who has been subjected to interpersonal violence by another cohabitant.

“**Sexual violence**” is not defined in *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act*. Sexual violence may include, but is not limited to, any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, or other act directed at or against a person’s sexuality or sexual integrity, where any of the foregoing is non-consensual and/or done using coercion, and includes activities by any person regardless of their relationship with the victim, in any setting.

Note: Cohabitation is not a requirement to an application of Sexual violence.

By signing my name below, I declare I am authorized to complete this form.

I declare I have assessed the information provided by the Client and have determined:

- (a) that the Client is a cohabitant and the Client or another cohabitant of the Client is a victim of interpersonal violence as defined above; or
- (b) that the Client or another cohabitant of the Client is a victim of sexual violence.

Name (Printed)

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Signature

If you require information or assistance in completing this Statement, please contact Victims Services at 1-888-286-6664 (toll free) between the hours of 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 5:00, Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays).

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Guidelines for Professional Persons: Understanding Interpersonal Violence or Sexual Violence

1. Purpose of the Professional Person Statement/Court Order Submission Form

When a tenant terminates a fixed term tenancy prior to the end of the term, the tenant is financially responsible for the remainder of the term if the landlord cannot find other tenants to rent the rental unit. The Government of Saskatchewan recognizes that this may prevent a tenant experiencing interpersonal violence or sexual violence from leaving a situation where the tenant or another cohabitant is at risk. In order to ensure the ongoing safety of victims of interpersonal violence or sexual violence, tenants can terminate their tenancies with 28 days of notice if they believe that their safety or the safety of another cohabitant is at risk. The Tenant can apply for a **Certificate Confirming Safety Risk** by providing information to a Professional Person who assesses and substantiates the Tenant's need for this certification.

2. Who can complete this form?

Under *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act*, a professional can provide a written statement indicating that a person is subject to interpersonal violence or sexual violence. Professionals may include:

- a regulated member of the:
 - Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers;
 - Saskatchewan College of Psychologists;
 - a duly qualified medical practitioner;
 - a practising member of the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association; or
 - a practising member of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
- a police officer or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- an individual employed and authorized by an agency or organization that:
 - provides accommodation in an emergency or transitional shelter because of homelessness or abuse; or
 - provides support initiatives for victims of interpersonal violence or sexual violence.

3. What does interpersonal violence look like?

Interpersonal violence may include any of the following behaviours: physical abuse, psychological abuse, criminal harassment/stalking, forced confinement, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, spiritual abuse, or any injury to property damage that intimidates or causes harm to a person. The below is a non-exhaustive list of actions that can constitute interpersonal violence.

Physical Abuse

Pushed, shoved or kicked Hit or punched Weapons or objects used against the individual Slapped or bitten Locked out or denied access to home By physical force, not being allowed to leave Denied help when ill, injured or pregnant Strangled/Choked Abandoned in a dangerous situation

Emotional and Psychological Abuse

Threats to harm the individual, his/her family or pets Individual convinced he/she is to blame for abuse Beliefs, race, heritage, class, religion, or sexual orientation ridiculed Manipulated with lies and contradictions Stalked

Sexual Abuse

Forced/Coerced to have sex or watch sexual acts Forced to have sex after a physical assault, when ill or as a condition of the relationship Forced/Coerced to perform sexual acts or have sexual acts performed on them Act directed against a person's sexuality using coercion

Economic Abuse

Denied access to bank accounts, credit cards or vehicle Partner controls all the finances Access to health, prescription or dental insurance limited Prevented from getting or keeping a job or from going to school

4. What does sexual violence look like?

Activities identified as sexual abuse above may also be forms of sexual violence. The below is not an exhaustive list of activities that could constitute sexual violence:

Sexual Violence

Forced/Coerced to have sex or watch sexual acts Forced to have sex after a physical assault, when ill or as a condition of the relationship Forced/Coerced to perform sexual acts or have sexual acts performed on them Acts directed against a person's sexuality using coercion sexual harassment sexual exploitation online forms of violence, exploitation, or harassment of a sexual nature voyeurism trafficking for a sexual purpose