

Professional Person Statement

The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act [s. 12.4]

Section 1 – Client Information

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

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		
Occupation/Position		
Business Address		
City/Town	Postal Code	Business Telephone

**Agency Name
or Stamp (if
Applicable)**

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 occurring between cohabitants or persons who have resided together.

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 that he/she is a cohabitant and a victim of interpersonal violence as defined above.

Name (Printed)
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)
Signature

If you require information or assistance in completing this Statement, please contact Victim 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). Completed Statements can be emailed to victimsservices@gov.sk.ca. Website: www.saskatchewan.ca/victimsservices

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Guidelines for Professional Persons: Understanding Interpersonal 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 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, 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 Amendment Act, 2017*, a professional can provide a written statement indicating that a person is subject to interpersonal 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
- an individual employed and authorized by an agency or organization that:
 - provides accommodation in an emergency or transitional shelter because of abuse; or
 - support initiatives for victims of interpersonal violence.

3. What does interpersonal violence look like?

Interpersonal violence may include all 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.

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 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 to perform sexual acts or have sexual acts performed on them

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