

FAQs

Should I report any patient safety concerns on every shift?

Yes, it's best to get in the habit of using BC PSLs every time you experience an adverse event, a near miss, or see a hazard. It doesn't take long and BC PSLs helps identify what changes need to be made so that an adverse event can be avoided.

I'm a little nervous. Can I report anonymously?

Yes, you always have the option of not giving your name when you are reporting an adverse event, near miss, or hazard using BC PSLs.

It's more important to know exactly what happened and how it can be prevented, rather than who was involved.

How long does it take to learn BC PSLs?

It's an easy online program that you should be able to use easily after completing the training session.

Improvements in patient care can be realized when health care team members actively participate in BC PSLs.

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British Columbia Patient Safety & Learning System (BC PSLs)

Learning together to make health care safer.

Working together to improve the quality of care for British Columbians.



Did you know that:

- One in nine adults gets an infection in a hospital.
- One in nine patients receives a wrong medication or wrong dose.
- There are more deaths in hospitals from adverse events than deaths from breast cancer, motor vehicle accidents, and HIV combined.
- 7.5% of all people who are admitted to Canadian hospitals experience an adverse event while they are receiving care.
- 37% of these adverse events are considered to be highly preventable.

Working together, we can transform the care that patients receive in our province, making our health care facilities safer for everyone.

The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC wants to inspire, encourage, and support all LPNs in our province to participate in the BC Patient Safety & Learning System.

What is the BC Patient Safety & Learning System?

- It is a province-wide incident reporting program available to all health care team members in publicly funded facilities in every health authority in BC.
- It is the foundation of a comprehensive approach to creating a culture of safety throughout health care facilities in BC.
- It is an online reporting tool that can be used by all health care team members.
- It is a database that has information on all reported safety-related events, including:
 - adverse events
 - near misses
 - safety hazards
 - security and property
 - adult abuse and neglect.

The goal of the BC Patient Safety & Learning System is to create a culture of safety at health care facilities across BC by providing the tools that enable everyone to learn from incidents that happened or nearly happened.

The mandate of the College is to ensure the safe, competent, and ethical nursing practice of LPNs in British Columbia. That is why we support the BC Patient Safety & Learning System (BC PSLs).

BC PSLs is an excellent means of supporting LPNs in their practice and an important step toward reducing the number of adverse events in health care facilities across the province.

How does BC PSLs improve patient safety?

- Health care team members can rapidly share what they experienced and learned from adverse events, near misses, and hazards.
- Standardized information that can be quickly analyzed is immediately provided to clinical leaders, quality, safety and risk departments, and health care administrators.
- The information is analyzed, highlighting areas that need support or change to prevent similar adverse events.

To be most effective, every health care team member must use BC PSLs whenever any safety event occurs.

Using tools such as BC PSLs is one of the best ways to make health care facilities in our province as safe as possible.

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