

The Protection for Persons in Care Act

The Protection for Persons in Care Act is a law to help protect adults from abuse and neglect while receiving care in Manitoba personal care homes, hospitals or any other designated health facility.

Defining abuse

Under this law, the definition of abuse includes physical, sexual, mental, emotional or financial mistreatment. Any of these, alone or in combination, is considered “abuse” if the mistreatment causes or is reasonably likely to cause death, serious harm or significant loss of property.

Defining neglect

The definition of neglect includes mistreatment that deprives a patient of adequate care, mistreatment that deprives a patient of adequate medical attention or other necessities of life or a combination of any of these that causes or is reasonably likely to cause death, or serious physical or psychological harm to a patient.

Duty to report

In Manitoba, it is **mandatory** to report suspected abuse and neglect promptly. This means that anyone who has a reasonable basis to believe abuse or neglect has occurred, or is likely to occur, must report these concerns as soon as possible.

For more information or to make a report:

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