

Confidentiality

All information that clients provide to the Sexual Behaviours Clinic is kept private and confidential, except when:

- You sign a consent form for the information to be shared with someone else, for example, your family physician or lawyer;
- The information is subpoenaed or ordered by a court, where the judge determines that your record is relevant to the civil (divorce, child custody matters or a lawsuit for example) or criminal proceedings;
- Members of the SBC staff have reasonable grounds to believe that disclosing your information is necessary to eliminate or reduce a significant risk of bodily harm to yourself or others;
- You report anything that may be a concern to the safety or well-being of children. The Ontario Child, Youth and Family Services Act requires that this be reported to the Children's Aid Society. This can include (but is not limited to) having sexual interest in children and/or a history of sexual offending against a child, and having unsupervised contact with children. If you report previously unreported abuse against a child (and the person is still a child) we are also required to report this to child protective services.
- You report anything that suggests someone is being abused or neglected in a long-term care home.
- You disclose past or present sexual abuse by a member of a regulated health discipline. Your assessor may need to report the abuse to the appropriate professional college. The report to the professional college will (1) be done with your knowledge and (2) will include your name, only with your written consent;
- Your assessors' governing body (e.g. The College of Psychologists of Ontario) may audit files for purposes of quality assurance;
- If you are under the supervision of the Ministry of the Solicitor General (provincial probation and parole), please be advised that the Ministry's policy is to notify the police if you disclose prior serious unreported criminal activity. This is not the policy of this clinic, however if you share this information to us and it is documented in your report, your probation/parole officer may be required to notify their supervisor and/or the police as a result

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