



TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCCURRENCES

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LEGISLATION	<i>Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15, as amended, s. 31(1)(c). Adequacy & Effectiveness of Police Services, O. Reg. 3/99, s. 12(1)(d).</i>	
DERIVATION	Adequacy Standards Regulation - LE-024	

It is the policy of the Toronto Police Services Board that:

1. The Chief of Police will develop and maintain procedures and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into domestic occurrences that address:
 - a. communications and dispatch;
 - b. initial response;
 - c. enhanced investigative procedures;
 - d. the mandatory laying of charges where there are reasonable grounds to do so, including in cases where there is a breach of a bail condition, probation, parole or restraining order;
 - e. the use of a risk indicators tool;
 - f. children at risk;
 - g. high-risk cases and repeat offenders;
 - h. occurrences involving members of the Service;
 - i. post-arrest procedures;
 - j. victim assistance; and

- k. safety planning.
2. The Chief of Police will ensure that the Service's response to domestic violence occurrences are monitored and evaluated; and
 3. The Chief of Police will, in partnership with the local Crown, Probation and Parole Services, Victim/Witness Assistance Program (VWAP), Victim Crisis and Referral Service (VCARS), municipalities, local Children's Aid Societies and other local service providers and community representatives responsible for issues related to domestic violence including women's shelters, work to establish and maintain one or more domestic violence review committees that cover the geographic area of the City of Toronto.