



# Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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## **A** Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police services board to have a policy on investigations into criminal harassment.

In addition, section 12(1)(c) requires the Chief of Police to develop and maintain procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into criminal harassment.

## **B** Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to undertaking and managing investigations into criminal harassment that the Chief of Police will develop and maintain procedures that address:
  - (a) The procedures for investigating criminal harassment complaints in accordance with the police service's criminal investigation management plan;
  - (b) The use of enhanced investigative techniques, such as behavioural science services as part of the investigation;

- (c) The provision of victims' assistance;
- (d) The information to be provided to police officers on criminal harassment; and
- (e) Compliance with the Ministry's designated *Ontario Major Case Management Manual* for criminal harassment cases that fall within the definition of major case.

**C Reporting Requirements**

- (a) As part of the statistical reports, the Chief of Police shall report to the Board on criminal harassment incidents and the clearance rates.
- (b) The Chief of Police shall report on compliance with this policy.