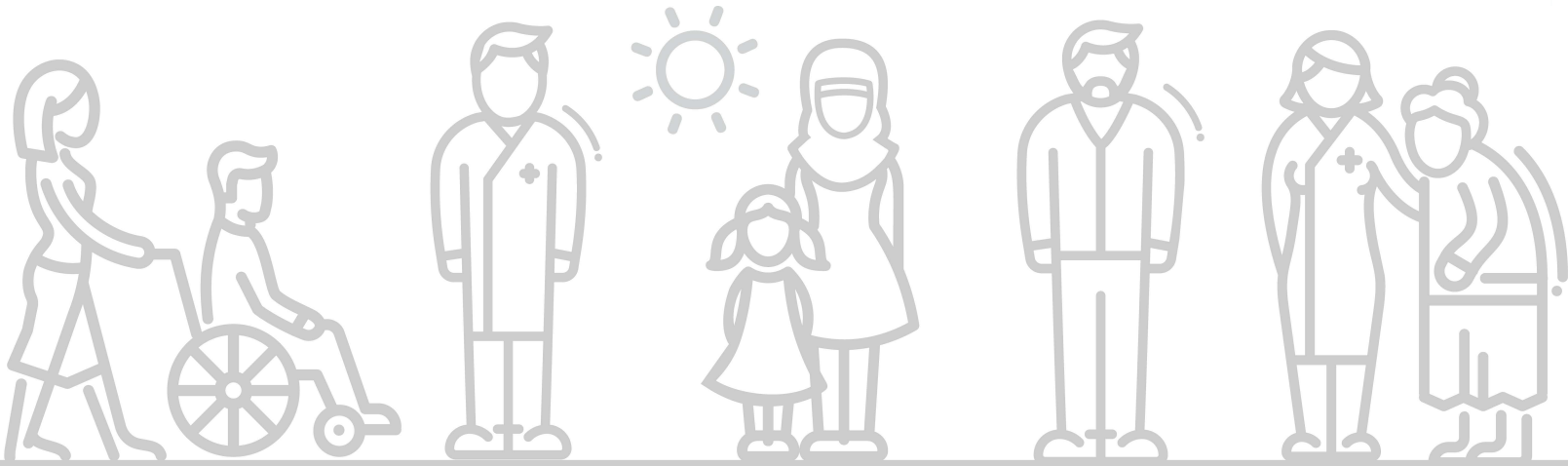


# Are you or a colleague crossing professional boundaries with a client?



Here are some **WARNING SIGNS** you should pay attention to:



**Giving personal contact information** to a current or vulnerable former client



**Communicating electronically** with a current, former or vulnerable former client through social media, for personal reasons



**Giving gifts** to a current client or vulnerable former client



**Paying special attention** to a current client (for example, spending time with the client outside their shift, or on a break)



**Discussing personal issues** with a current or former vulnerable client



**Changing assignments** to care for a specific current client



**Dressing differently** for a particular current client



**Frequently thinking** about a particular current, former, or former vulnerable client



**Feeling** other members of the team do not understand a specific current client



**Keeping secrets** with a current or vulnerable former clients

Boundary crossings, like the ones listed above, can lead to sexual misconduct. By recognizing warning signs in yourself and colleagues, you can stop the behaviour and prevent it from escalating to sexual misconduct. Use this tool in conjunction with the *Sexual Misconduct Standard of Practice for Registrants* and the information available on the NSCN website.

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