



NSCN

# Sexual Misconduct Standard of Practice

FOR NURSES

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## STANDARD 1

Nurses must not engage in sexual misconduct.

## STANDARD 2

Nurses are required to report sexual misconduct if they have reasonable grounds to suspect that the conduct of a regulated health care professional or an unregulated care provider constitutes sexual misconduct.

Nurses must never engage in sexual behaviour with a current or vulnerable former client.

Nurses cannot use consent from a current or vulnerable former client as a defence to an allegation of sexual misconduct.

Nurses considering engaging in sexual behaviour with a former client must determine whether it is appropriate to do so based on their standards of practice.

Conduct, behaviour and comments from a nurse that are clinically appropriate do not constitute sexual misconduct.

