



NURSE PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

Greetings,

NPANS thoughts are with those who were injured or witnessed the recent event while working at the QEII Halifax Emergency Department.

This recent event has brought to light the significant lack of safety measures in both hospital and community-based centers.

All too often health care providers work in facilities that place them at potential risk.

Health care providers must feel safe going to work every day.

NPANS is asking that the following to be undertaken:

- Security assessment of all hospital and community-based care areas with deficiencies rectified immediately, such as proper set up of clinical rooms.
- Ensure that no health care provider works alone.
- Increased security in all care areas.
- Instillation of call bells or panic buttons that are linked to 911 or facility security.

NPANS encourages you to move forward in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully,

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