

# Who's Who (Roles)

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There is a team of people waiting to help you!

Here is a list of some of the team members that you might see or talk to:

- **Forensic Nurse Examiner:** a specially trained registered nurse who can give health care and gather forensic (legal) evidence. Forensic nurse examiners work closely with health, social and legal services. There may be a "team" of people caring for you.
- **SMART:** a 24-hour crisis response team that provides services over the phone and in-person to anyone who has experienced a physical or sexual assault by a stranger or someone they know. The team is available 24-hours a day, seven (7) days per week, 365 days per year to help you access emergency medical, legal and social services.
- **Patient Navigator:** a support worker who assists health care providers and women across Fraser Health to access services.
- **Police:** their job is to investigate the possible crime that has happened. It is important that they not appear to take sides when they investigate a case.
- **Emergency Department Social Worker:** support patients and families in the Emergency Department to find social services (such as housing, shelters, government services or food). They also provide emotional support and know about community resources to help people outside of the hospital.
- **Triage Nurse:** this is usually the first person you see when you come into an emergency department. This nurse will assess your health and make sure you're okay before calling the Forensic Nurse Examiner.
- **Emergency Room Doctor:** the doctors in the emergency department work closely with the Forensic Nurse Examiner to make sure you are medically okay. If there is something serious that needs to be treated (like a broken bone or head injury) the doctor will be the one to take care of you.
- **Co-ordinator of Forensic Nursing Service:** co-ordinates the Forensic Nursing Service by answering questions about the service, making sure messages are checked and leading the team of Forensic Nurse Examiners.
- **MCFD:** Ministry of Children & Family Development are the government social service which investigates possible child abuse, assault or neglect cases.