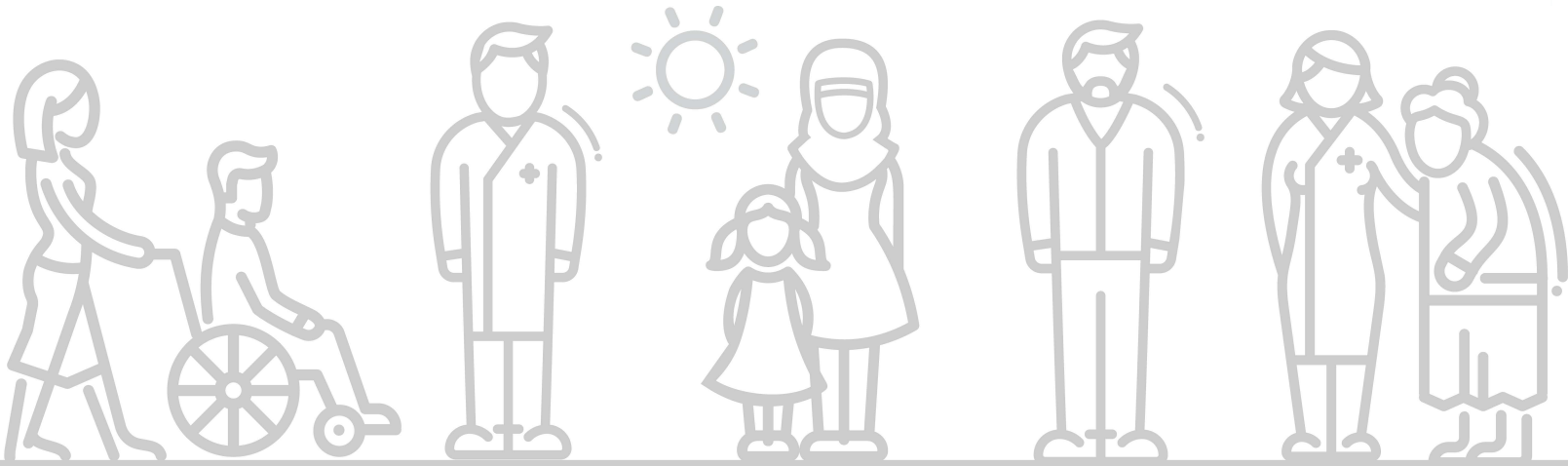


Are you or a colleague crossing professional boundaries with a client?



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 Nurses (2020)* and the information available on the NSCN website.

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