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ACTION PLAN TO HELP PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMPLETE

VICTORIA – The Province has completed and implemented its Domestic Violence Action Plan providing greater integration, co-ordination, collaboration and training among service providers to better meet the needs of families, women and children in B.C.

The action plan is government's response to recommendations from the Lee/Park coroner's inquest and the Representative for Children and Youth's report on the death of Christian Lee.

Through its work on the action plan the Province has:

- Established the new Capital Regional District Domestic Violence Unit.
- Reviewed and updated the Violence Against Women in Relationships (VAWIR) policy.
- Selected B-SAFER as the standardized provincial risk-assessment tool for police to use in highest-risk domestic violence cases.
- Updated and published the Best Practices Approaches: Child Protection and Violence Against Women.
- Launched the new domestic violence website that brings together all of the Province's information related to domestic violence.
- Started a comprehensive review of the Family Relations Act.
- Standardized bail conditions to help ensure more consistent and enforceable release conditions are imposed on offenders – particularly those deemed to be highest risk.

To view the action plan, go to:

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/victimservices/publications/docs/domestic-violence-actionplan-update.pdf>

To view the updated VAWIR policy, go to:

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/victimservices/publications/docs/vawir.pdf>

For more information on preventing violence against women and where to get help, visit the new provincial website: <http://www.domesticviolencebc.ca/>

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