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## BC Prosecution Service announces revised policies

**Victoria** – On April 8, 2025, the BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced a series of policy updates to reflect recent amendments to the *Criminal Code*. A new form of recognizance was created, section 810.03 “fear of intimate partner violence”, as well as amendments to the provisions in respect of judicial interim release.

*Recognizances and Peace Bonds* ([REC 1](#)) has been updated to provide current advice on the imposition of conditions upon a person, including potentially restricting movement or behaviour, to reduce the risk of them committing future offences.

Minor changes to existing policies to reflect the changes in the REC 1 policy were also made to:

- *Bail – Adults* ([BAI 1](#))
- *Consent of the Attorney General* ([CON 1](#))
- *Elder Abuse* ([ELD 1](#))
- *Private Prosecutions* ([PRI 1](#))
- *Vulnerable Victims and Witnesses* ([VUL 1](#))

As well, as part of its ordinary policy review process, the *Firearms* ([FIR 1](#)) policy was updated.

*Criminal Harassment* ([CRI 1](#)) and *Intimate Partner Violence* ([IPV 1](#)) were also updated to reflect changes regarding both recognizances and firearms-related advice.

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