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BC Prosecution Service announces policy update – *Victims of Crime (VIC 1)*

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announces an update to the *Crown Counsel Policy Manual*. The *Victims of Crime (VIC 1)* policy has been updated to respond to recommendations within Dr. Kim Stanton's *The British Columbia Legal System's Treatment of Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence: Final Report*, also known as the [Stanton Report](#). The guidance on testimonial accommodation and publication bans has also been expanded. The revised policy is in effect as of May 5, 2026.

The BCPS reviews policies on an ongoing basis to ensure they accurately reflect developments in Canadian criminal law, respond appropriately to emerging issues or community needs, including scientific developments, and reasonably balance individual rights and the public interest.

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