



Statement on Duty To Report

At Southdown, we operate as Regulated Health Professionals, under the laws of the Province of Ontario, and fully comply with all regulations regarding confidentiality and limits to confidentiality, including all mandatory reporting laws. We regard physical, emotional, sexual, and/or financial abuse of a child, and/or an elder, and/or a member of a vulnerable population to be crimes that require mandatory reporting. Our practices are consistent with current legislation such as the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) (Ontario), the Child, Youth and Family Services Act (Ontario), and the Criminal Code of Canada. The laws that govern our work are the same laws that govern the work of all licensed, regulated mental health providers in Ontario.

As an independent and accredited healthcare organization that specializes in providing psychological services for the mental, emotional, and spiritual health of ordained clergy, vowed religious, lay pastoral ministers, and adults, Southdown is dedicated to healing and health. Our Vision Statement “Healthy Individuals, Healthy Communities, Healthy Church” articulates our commitment to the health of the population we serve by providing restorative and preventative services. Guided by our core values, we strive to achieve our Mission through ongoing professional development and evaluation of our existing services in alignment with best practices, resulting in continuous improvements.

Our entire Southdown team, including our Boards of Directors, reflects a diversity of culture, faith, and tradition. Our organizational structure is based on principles of teamwork, mutuality, and shared responsibility, all in the service of our Mission. Together, we are steadfast in our commitment to being active participants in the work towards healing and change.

Note:

Certain aspects of abuse and harassment may fall under either the Child, Youth and Family Services Act (Ontario), or the Criminal Code of Canada. A victim of any crime is encouraged to contact their local police service. In Ontario, additional resources are available through 211 Ontario, which is an information and referral helpline linking callers to social services, government and community supports across (dial 211 or visit www.211ontario.ca).