

# Family Information Liaison Unit (FILU)

We can help you get the information you are seeking about your loved one.

## Who we are

We are the Family Information Liaison Unit, which is a part of Victim Services with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. We are separate from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

Our team is made up of an Indigenous Victim Case Coordinator (IVCC) from Victim Services and Community Outreach Specialists from Nova Scotia Native Women's Association.

## How we can help

### We can gather Information

We can help you get the information you are seeking about your loved one.

We can meet with you to discuss the type of information you may be seeking.

We can gather the existing information from the police, medical examiners, and corrections.

We can share that information with you when possible — when we are allowed by law to do so.

When information is not available, we can explain why — for example, the information is unknown, the investigation remains open, or privacy laws prevent the sharing of this information.

### We can connect you to help in your community

We can connect you to Elders and other supports in your community — for example, to arrange a traditional healing ceremony.

### We can help you get started with the National Inquiry

If you wish to participate in the National Inquiry, we can arrange a meeting with their Community Liaison Worker for Nova Scotia. We cannot actively participate with you at inquiry activities, but some support around attending inquiry activities may be available. The National Inquiry has health professionals available to support you both during community visits and at the hearings.

Our services are available to you even if you choose not to participate in the National Inquiry.

### What kinds of information we can help with

- General information about the criminal justice system
- Specific information about the status of the investigation or prosecution
- Information about services and resources available to help deal with trauma
- Answers to outstanding questions about the decisions made by health services, social services, child and family services, and police services related to your loved one
- Policies guiding the provincial medical examiner's office
- Information on how to file a complaint or report allegations of misconduct

## What we cannot help with

We cannot participate in investigations.

We cannot give legal advice.

We cannot help with legal action.

We cannot participate in legal proceedings.

We cannot participate in the Inquiry.

We cannot provide a legal remedy for families.

## Contact us

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