



WHAT

Multiple human service providers engaged in regularly scheduled conversations to address situations of acutely elevated levels of risk of harm across multiple disciplines **requiring immediate attention.**

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To remove or reduce, to a manageable point, acutely elevated levels of risk by connecting individuals and/or families with all of the services required and **implementing a plan to keep them connected.**

AGENCIES

Education

Child Protection

Social Programs

Municipal Police Services

RCMP

PEI Family Violence Prevention

Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI

Probation

Public Health

Adult Protection

Mental Health and Addictions

Victim Services

TIMING

Agencies are connected immediately. **Only those agencies determined necessary by the table**, meet separately to develop a plan for the 'door knock' intervention with the client, which typically occurs within 24-48 hours.

CONSENT

Under the approved Bridge disciplines (which follow appropriate legislation), **consent is not always required before bringing a situation to the table**, or before a door knock*. When dealing with acutely elevated levels of risk, often those involved are not capable of providing consent at the outset. *For further steps, the filter four door knock is often an excellent method for gaining immediate consent before proceeding further.

INFORMATION SHARING

Sharing of information is permitted at the Situation Table, using the strict Bridge Discipline known as the Four Filter Approach.

RESPONSIVENESS

The Bridge is a cost effective community-based tool which can effect immediate change to situations with acutely elevated levels of risk, as seen across multiple human services agencies, **by rapidly connecting clients to all of the services they need** most.