



# Workplace Safety for Nova Scotia's Home Care, Long Term Care, & Disability Support Sectors

## Safe Handling and Mobility Programming

Stakeholder Information Session

November 13, 2019

# Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- What are we here to discuss?
- Project overview
- Discussion & feedback

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- The development of standard program approach for Safe Handling and Mobility for the LTC, Homecare and DSP sectors
- This project will review and update the existing Safe Handling & Mobility program, identifying opportunities for improvement that are supported by outcome-based evidence as identified in other jurisdictions or across Nova Scotia.

# Background / Current Activities

- Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Program Guide published June 2015
- NSHA working to implement a safe patient handling and mobility program based on this guide
- WCB and AWARE-NS adapted for use in Nova Scotia's Long Term Care, Home Care and Disability Support Sectors
- PACE: a Pre-Care Checklist / Assessment – required core element
- AWARE-NS, with the support of the WCB, provides program rollout, coaching and TT training

# Project Objectives

- Programming is evidence-based and, if well implemented, should lead to a reduction in SHM related incidents and injuries.
- The objectives of the 'Provincial Safe Handling & Mobility Program' project are to:
  - Review and update, as required, existing Safe Handling & Mobility programming materials, tools, etc.
  - Obtain sector-wide input on elements to be included in a Provincial Safe Handling & Mobility program
  - Identify workplace level program requirements

# Process

- Program Review Committee formed to review existing program content
- Make recommendations for evidenced based enhancements and workplace level program requirements
- Sector stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback
- Updated, draft program content will be posted to the AWARE-NS website as comments are received and updates completed

# Timelines

- Project launch: November 13, 2019
- First update: November 29, 2019.
- Draft Provincial Safe Handling and Mobility Program: February 2020

# Thank You.