

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

**CROWN POLICY MANUAL**

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**DANGEROUS, LONG TERM AND  
HIGH RISK OFFENDERS**

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**PRINCIPLES**

Protection of the public is the paramount consideration in dealing with potential dangerous, long-term and high risk offenders.

The protection of the public requires Crown counsel to carefully assess all potential dangerous and long-term offenders to determine whether an application should be made to the Court for an order declaring them to be a dangerous or long-term offender. The Attorney General must personally consent before such an application may be brought. Crown counsel must be mindful that any resolution discussions, concerning such offenders, must be tentative in nature as they are subject to the Attorney General's consent.

In appropriate cases, where there are reasonable grounds to believe that an offender will commit a serious personal injury offence, Crown counsel should also carefully consider whether the offender should be required to enter into a recognizance, with conditions, pursuant to the provisions of the *Criminal Code*. The Attorney General must consent before such an application may be brought.

The Ministry of the Attorney General is committed to identifying high risk offenders who, in the opinion of Crown counsel, pose an ongoing serious threat to society. To that end, a system for flagging these offenders ensures that Crown counsel have access to full background materials about those offenders who pose an ongoing serious threat to society. Crown counsel are to identify such individuals and send relevant materials to the Provincial Coordinator who will keep the information on file, and make those materials available to counsel in subsequent cases involving that offender.