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# **Prince Edward Island Self-Verification Guide: Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents & Caregivers)**

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## **Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians)**

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*Purpose: This document provides a Prince Edward Island-specific, legally safe pathway for parents, caregivers, and guardians to verify whether public benefits or services were billed, paid, or claimed using their own identity or that of a dependent. It includes both Prince Edward Island and Government of Canada (federal) official resources.*

## Introduction

In Canada, early learning, child care, and health services are primarily administered by provinces, while certain benefits, identity-protection mechanisms, and access-to-information laws also exist at the federal level. Prince Edward Island does not provide a single public, name-searchable clearinghouse that aggregates all child care payments, subsidies, and health care claims.

The recommended approach is **self-verification**: confirm providers using official registries, review records you are legally entitled to access, and escalate concerns only through official reporting channels if discrepancies are identified.

## **Section 1 – Licensed / Regulated Child Care Verification (Prince Edward Island)**

Licensed early learning and child care services in Prince Edward Island are overseen by the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning (DELL). The Province provides a public directory of licensed centres and family home child care agencies.

### **1.1 Official provider search (public)**

PEI Early Learning and Child Care Directory:

[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/[REDACTED]) [1]

### **1.2 Licensing and program oversight overview**

PEI — Early Learning and Child Care:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/early-learning-and-child-care> [2]

## **Section 2 – Child Care Subsidy / Voucher Program (Prince Edward Island)**

Prince Edward Island provides financial assistance for child care through its Child Care Subsidy Program. If you suspect a subsidy was used in your name or your child's name, review any official correspondence and verify your case status through official provincial channels.

### **2.1 Official program information and application**

PEI Child Care Subsidy Program:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/apply-for-child-care-subsidy> [3]

### **2.2 What parents/guardians should review**

- Eligibility/authorization notices (approved dates, provider name, child identifiers).
- Provider licensing status using the official child care directory (Section 1.1). [1]
- Dates of care/attendance versus your own records.
- Whether subsidy activity appears to continue after withdrawal or provider change.

## **Section 3 – Health Coverage Claims Verification (PEI Health Card) and Fraud Reporting**

Health coverage in Prince Edward Island is administered through the PEI Health Card program. If you suspect misuse of a PEI Health Card or services billed under your identity, contact Health PEI using official inquiry and fraud-reporting channels.

### **3.1 Health coverage overview and contact**

PEI Health Card:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/pei-health-card> [4]

### **3.2 Report suspected health card misuse or fraud**

Health PEI — Contact information:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/contact-health-pei> [5]

## **Section 4 – Public Records Requests (Prince Edward Island FOIPP)**

Public access to records in Prince Edward Island is governed by the **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP)**. Records involving minors, benefit cases, and protected health information may be restricted; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

### **4.1 FOIPP overview (official)**

PEI — Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/freedom-information-and-protection-privacy> [6]

### **4.2 How to submit a FOIPP request**

PEI — How to make a FOIPP request:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/make-freedom-information-request> [7]

## **Section 5 – Federal Verification and Reporting (Government of Canada)**

Some benefits, identity-protection mechanisms, and access-to-information requests are handled federally. Use the official Government of Canada channels below if concerns involve federal programs or identity misuse.

### **5.1 Report suspected tax or benefit cheating (CRA)**

Canada Revenue Agency — Suspected tax or benefit cheating:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/suspected-tax-cheating-in-canada-overview.html> [8]

### **5.2 Report a scam or identity theft affecting CRA accounts**

CRA — Report a scam or identity theft:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/report-scam.html> [9]

### **5.3 Federal access-to-information / privacy requests (ATIP Online)**

ATIP Online Request (Government of Canada):

<https://atip-aiprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do> [10]

### **5.4 Report fraud and cybercrime (Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre)**

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre — Report fraud:

<https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm> [11]

## Section 6 – Public “Red Flag” Patterns (For Awareness Only)

- **Date mismatch:** benefits or services on days care was not provided.
- **Provider mismatch:** a provider listed that the family never used.
- **Duration mismatch:** activity continues after termination/withdrawal.
- **Authorization mismatch:** services exceed approved scope.
- **Identity mismatch:** records referencing a dependent you do not recognize.

## Appendix A – Official Resources (Prince Edward Island + Federal)

1. PEI Child Care Directory –  
[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/[REDACTED])
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3. PEI Child Care Subsidy –  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/apply-for-child-care-subsidy>
4. PEI Health Card – <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/pei-health-card>
5. Health PEI Contact –  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/contact-health-pei>
6. PEI FOIPP –  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/freedom-information-and-protection-privacy>
7. PEI FOIPP Request –  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/make-freedom-information-request>
8. CRA suspected tax/benefit cheating –  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/suspected-tax-cheating-in-canada-overview.html>
9. CRA scam / identity theft –  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/report-scam.html>
10. Federal ATIP request – <https://atip-aiprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do>
11. Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre – <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>

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