



# Malpractice insurance resources

Malpractice insurance for members of your team should not be considered optional (and for community-based SANE programs, it is a must). It is a myth that obtaining individual malpractice insurance makes nurses a greater target for lawsuits. What it does is ensure that in the case of a suit (or a complaint to the Board of Nursing,) nurses have their own attorney representing their best interests (as opposed to relying on hospital counsel who may be more concerned with what's best for the organization). For registered nurses, the cost is approximately \$100/year, depending on the company; advanced practice nurses must be insured at the level of their education and certification, even if they are not practicing in an advanced practice role, so their insurance will be higher. **Nurses Service Organization** (NSO) has partnered with **IAFN** to offer reduced rates for members; other nursing organizations also offer discounted rates through specific vendors as a membership benefit, so it's worth exploring what type of savings are available.

### Malpractice/Liability Resources

#### Malpractice Insurance: Myths That Harm Nurses

<http://www.nursetogether.com/malpractice-insurance-myths-that-harm-nurses>

#### State laws mandating minimum levels of professional liability insurance (Login required)

<http://www.ama-assn.org//resources/doc/arc/state-laws-mandating-minimum-insurance.pdf>

#### A Malpractice Lawsuit Simulation: Critical Care Providers Learn as Participants in a Mock Trial

<http://ccn.aacnjournals.org/content/29/4/52.full.pdf+html>

#### Malpractice Insurance and Licensure Protection

<http://www.nursingcenter.com/Inc/static?pageid=797515>

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