

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

## **CROWN POLICY MANUAL**

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### **APPEALS BY THE CROWN**

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#### **PRINCIPLES**

Important governing principles in the decision to appeal on behalf of the Crown are prudence and restraint. Not every unfavorable ruling, judgment or sentence can or should be appealed. The right of the Crown to appeal is circumscribed by law. Even if the legal criteria for an appeal are met, a Crown appeal will not be launched unless a thorough and considered review of the circumstances of the case, the state of the law and considerations of the public interest, has been conducted. The public interest is an overriding consideration in deciding to launch a Crown appeal.

Crown counsel having carriage of an appeal should ensure that victims are informed of matters that potentially affect their security, including bail conditions, and that they are advised in a timely fashion, and in advance of the media, of significant changes in the status of the case.