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## **BCDA Patient Safety Recommendations**

To ensure patient safety, the BC Dental Association (BCDA) encourages all dental patients to review the following recommendations before they agree to dental treatment:

- If you have any doubt your dentist is licensed, ask the office when you make your appointment and then confirm the dentist is listed on the College of Dental Surgeons of BC website ([www.cdsbc.org](http://www.cdsbc.org)) *before* having your treatment.
- Ask the dentist about their infection control standards.
- If you are unemployed or disabled, you may qualify for provincial dental care assistance programs from the [Ministry of Social Development](#).
- Recent immigrant patients are encouraged to contact registered community-based service organizations in BC that assist new immigrants to help them better understand the standards of dental care in BC; and if they cannot afford care, help direct them to the existing publicly funded programs and services available to them.
- To find licensed dentists that are accepting new patients and offer care in specific languages; or to find lower cost and free community dental clinics for qualifying patients, go to the BCDA website [www.yourdentalhealth.ca](http://www.yourdentalhealth.ca)