

# Our Mandate

The Commission’s mandate assigns specific tasks to guide its work and to let the public know what to expect.

The Commission is required to **establish what happened** leading up to, during and after the mass casualty of April 18 and 19, 2020 in Nova Scotia. The Commission must also **review certain defined issues** that provide context to understand why and how the mass casualty occurred, including those listed below. Finally, the Commission must **produce a report** that includes these findings, lessons and resulting recommendations to help keep Canadian communities safer in the future.

To view the full mandate as described in the Orders in Council visit [masscasualtycommission.ca/about/mandate](https://masscasualtycommission.ca/about/mandate).

<p>1 ESTABLISH WHAT HAPPENED</p>	Causes, context and circumstances giving rise to the mass casualty	Emergency responses of police, including RCMP, municipal police forces and the Alert Ready program	Steps taken to inform, support and engage victims, families and affected citizens
	Communications between and within agencies and services	Communication with the public	Firearms access
<p>2 EXPLORE RELATED ISSUES</p>	Gender-based and intimate partner violence	Perpetrator interactions and relationship with police and social services	Police actions, policies, procedures, and training
	Findings, lessons and recommendations		
<p>3 PRODUCE A REPORT</p>	Findings, lessons and recommendations		