



# **LEGAL ISSUES IN COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING**

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## Objectives

- **define legislation, regulations, judicial law and contract**
- **Describe the source of law**
- **list the function of legal law in nursing**
- **restate the legal resource**
- **describe the legal issues**
- **list down the impact of law on community health nursing**
- **Explains consumers protection act**
- **summarize the legal safeguard in nursing**



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## Introduction

Law is standard or rule of conduct established and enforced by the government. Law in nursing protects the right of clients and nurses.

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## Terms

**Legislation** is the type of law that comes from legislative branches of government at different levels - central, state or local.

**Regulations** are very specific statements or law that relate to individual piece of legislation.



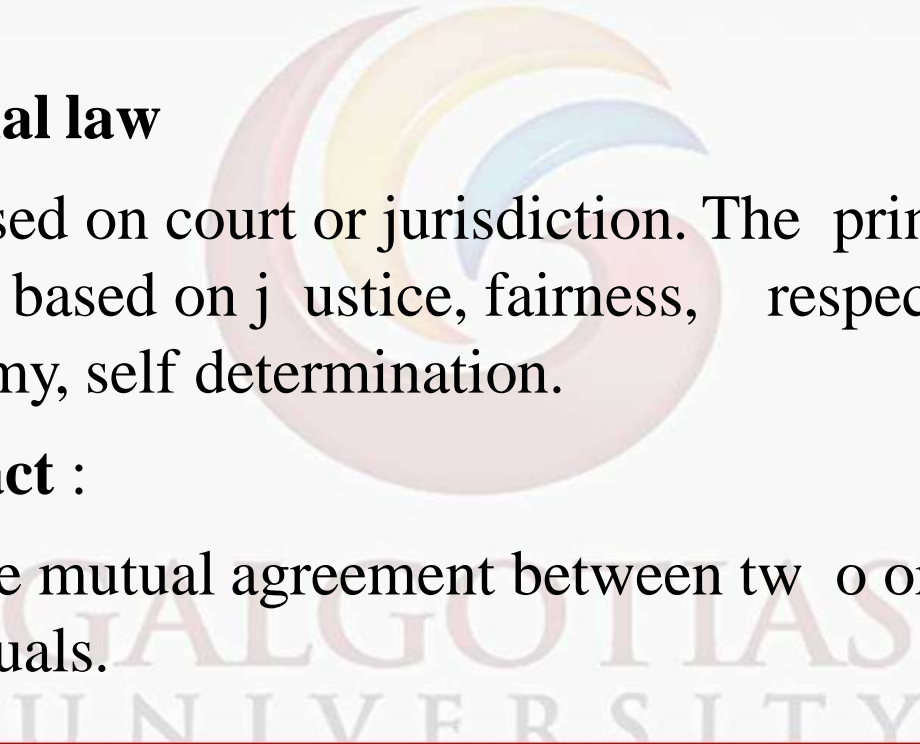
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## Judicial law

It is based on court or jurisdiction. The principles of judicial law are based on justice, fairness, respect of individual, autonomy, self determination.

## Contract :

it is the mutual agreement between two or more individuals.





## Sources of law

### a. Statutory law :

Example : nurse practice act

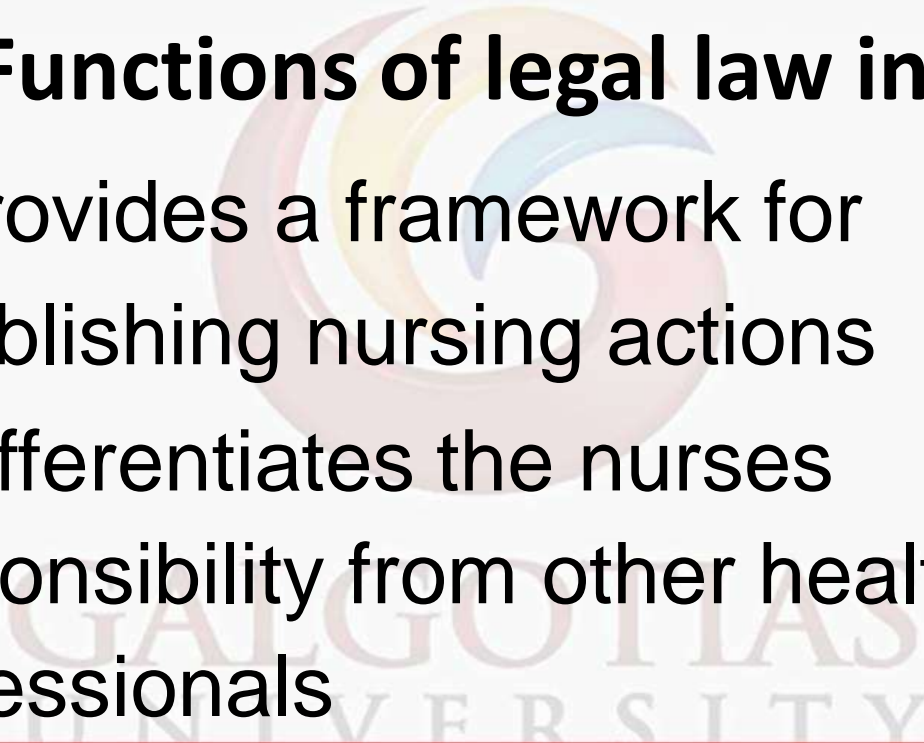
### b. Administrative law :

Example : board of nursing at state level

c. Common law : The government provides a judiciary system.

## Functions of legal law in nursing

- it provides a framework for establishing nursing actions
- it differentiates the nurses responsibility from other healthcar e professionals



## function conti.



- it helps to establish boundaries for nursing action.
- Helps to maintain the standards of nursing practice
- It protects the right of client and nurse

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## Legal resources



- Public libraries
- Newspaper
- Computer based

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## Legal issues

### A. Criminal law

**a) Felony** : a crime of s serious nature

Example : rape murder

**b) Misdemeanor** : a lesser crime with a penalty of a fine.



## B. Civil law

### a) Unintentional tort

**I.Negligence** : failure of an individual to do something or omissions of a particular act.

**II.Malpractice**:carelessness by a professional person



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## b) Intentional tort

**I.Assault** : any willful attempt or threat to harm another, coupled with the ability to actually harm the person.

**II.Battery**: an intentional touching of another's body or touching or holding without consent.





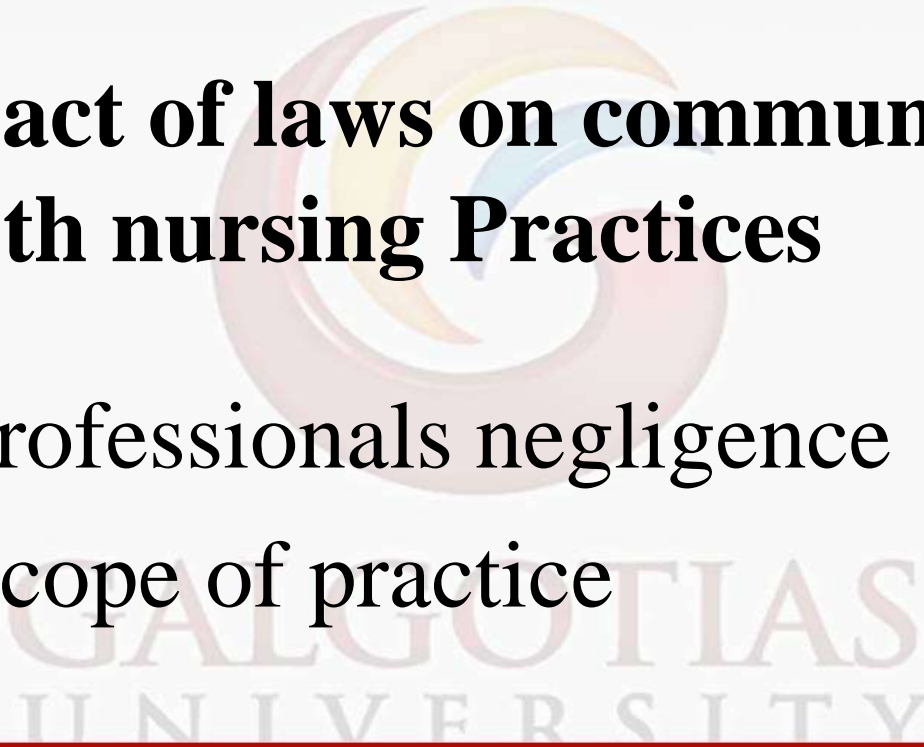
**III. Defamation of character:** it is the act of holding up of per  
**Invasion of privacy:** all aspects of patient care should be free from unwanted publicity

**IV.**son to ridicule.

**V. False imprisonment:** making a person stay in a place against his/ her wishes

## Impact of laws on community health nursing Practices

- a. Professionals negligence
- b. Scope of practice





## **Professionals negligence Or Malpractice**

It is defined as an act or failure to act, when a duty is owed to another that was not reasonable and that leads to injuries compensable by law.

## **b. Scope of Practice**

I. Special community health nursing practice and the law

II. Home care and hospital services

III. School and family health

IV. Occupational health



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## Acts in safeguarding for clients

### Consumers protection act. (1986) COPRA

is a piece of comprehensive legislation and recognises six rights of the consumer that us right to safety, right to be informed, right to choose, right to be heard, right to seek redressal and right to consumer education.



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## Consumer Protection Act

committee consulting of medical professionals

and senior advocates will hear the consumer and medical defaulters, make the judgment for situation.



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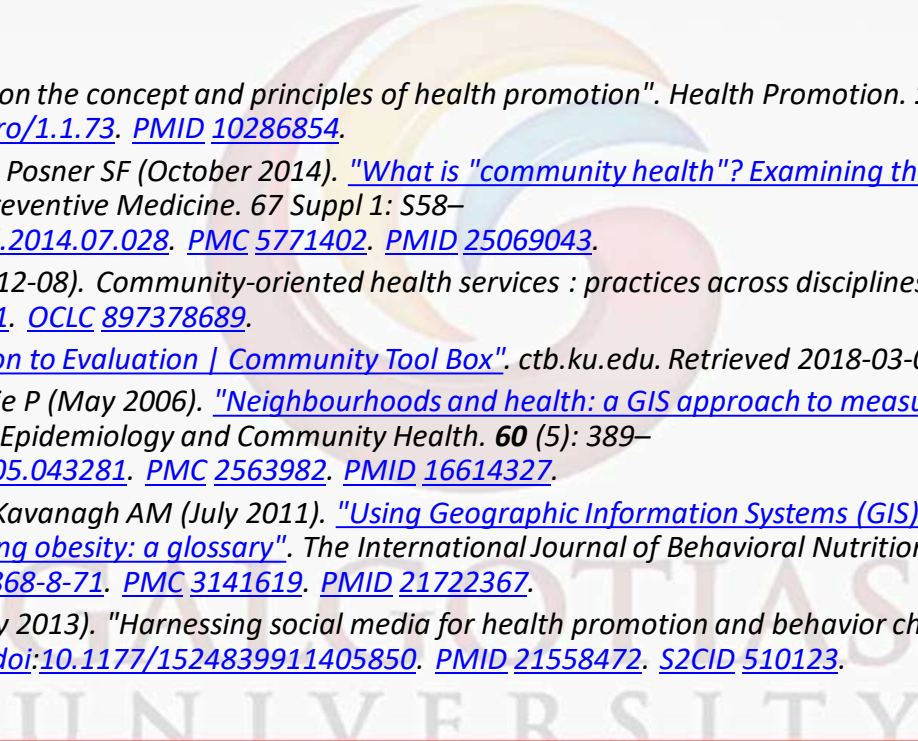
## Legal safeguard in nursing

- a) **Credentialing** :It includes licensure, registration and certification.
- b) **Good samartian law** :acts protecting those who choose to serve
- c)           **Standard care**
- d)           **Good rapport**
- e)           **Informed consent**

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## Conclusion

Each community health nurse must consider legal implications of practice in each clinical area . The quality care and right of clients can be met with no risk or harm to life.

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