

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCIO)



Who We Are

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCIO) is an ongoing, life-long resource for people with spinal cord injuries, their friends, families and service providers. We assist people in rebuilding their lives after their injury. SCIO has been developing our expertise since 1945. We are the only provincial, SCI specialized, community service organization that is of and for people with spinal cord injuries. The importance of our work is emphasized by the facts that every day, at least one person in Ontario sustains a new spinal cord injury and 43,000 people with spinal cord injuries live in our province.

Our Vision

People with spinal cord injury living the life they choose in a fully inclusive Ontario.

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario delivers and champions excellence in service, support and advocacy for and with people with spinal cord injury.

We work directly with our clients and their families in large and small communities across Ontario throughout the journey from injury to recovery to rehabilitation to independent living.

Programs and Services

****There is no fee for our services.****

Peer Mentorship: If you have a spinal cord injury, we can connect you with a trained volunteer who can share his/her experience and knowledge. Peer support mentors can also connect with family members.

Service Coordination: Our Regional Services Coordinators (RSCs) are equipped to assist anyone in Ontario. They specialize in the coordination of services, active support, resources and education. They also focus on client-centred care and finding creative ways to address systemic barriers that affect people with SCI.

Contact your Peer Support Coordinator for more information.

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Employment Services: SCIO's Employment Services program provides tailored services to people with disabilities. When you are ready, we will help you navigate the labour market and land opportunities aligned with your goals. We partner with employers in the GTA to help them fill their hiring needs and understand the all-around benefits of an inclusive and barrier-free workplace.

Knowledge Exchange: We make it our business to share relevant, accurate information about SCI and other disabilities with our community. Cortree, SCIO's online education and training platform provides materials and courses for people with disabilities, family members, health care professionals, and employers looking to increase disability awareness and knowledge. Learn more at sciontario.org/cortree.

Advocacy and Research: We provide disability-specific policy analysis that brings awareness and education to elected officials, and we support our membership through advocacy initiatives that aim to create a more inclusive province. We offer many opportunities for our community to get involved in advocating for greater accessibility in this province. We facilitate the connection between those who have first-hand experience with SCI and our valued research partners, as well as fund important research projects.

We'd love to hear from you!

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