

- Participates in ongoing quality assurance and risk management initiatives.
- Exercises awareness of significant changes in maternal and new-born services and their influence on midwives' practices.
- Assumes the delivery of quality maternity care directly or indirectly in all settings, including hospitals, community clinical settings, and women's homes.
- Awareness of the importance of completing, storing, and retaining records.

**Standard 2: The midwife shall use comprehensive professional knowledge and skills to provide safe care for the mother and her newborn.**

**Competencies**

- Acts where the safety of care is compromised and, where necessary, reports risky behaviours that might compromise the safety of women and their families.
- Communicates and records safety concerns to the relevant authority and documents response.
- Reports actual and potential risks, and takes timely action to meet national legislation and national health and safety principles.
- Adheres to and implements infection control policies and procedures.
- Maintains updated documentation and records of all procedures and care provided.

**Domain Six: Health Education and Promotion**

Health education, as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO), is 'any combination of learning experiences designed to help individuals and communities improve their health, by increasing their knowledge or influencing their attitudes'. In principle, people can learn to behave in a manner conducive to the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health (WHO, 2012).

Health promotion also enables people to increase control over their own health. It covers a wide range of social and environmental interventions designed to benefit and protect an individual's health and quality of life by addressing and preventing the root causes of ill health and not merely focusing on treatment and cure.