

Women and children have a fundamental right to live free from violence.

For every 100 sexual assaults in Canada, only five are reported to police (5%). In addition, 70% of spousal violence is not reported to the police (*Government of Canada.*)

Intimate partner violence represents one-third (30%) of all police-reported violent crime in Canada, affecting almost 96,000 victims. Women account for almost 8 in 10 victims (79%). On average, every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner (*Statistics Canada.*)

Half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16 (*Statistics Canada.*)

1 in 5 Canadian women experience some form of emotional or economic abuse in their intimate relationship (*Battered Women's Support Services.*)

