



Self Defense: Fact Sheet

- Manitoba has the highest rates in Canada of spousal homicide between 1974 and 2000.
Source-Statistics Canada, Homicide Survey.
- 49% of women in Manitoba have been victims of physical or sexual violence.
Source-Statistics Canada, VAWS, 1993.
- 35% of women in Manitoba have been sexually assaulted.
Source-Statistics Canada, VAWS, 1993.
- Over 60% of personal victimization incidents are not reported to the police, meaning that statistics for violent crimes are likely much higher than reported.
Source-Statistics Canada General Social Survey, 1999.
- People who have not taken self-defense courses are almost 50% more likely to be victims of violent crime.
Source-Statistics Canada General Social Survey, 1999.
- 65% of women who use public transportation alone after dark felt somewhat or very worried doing so.
Source-Statistics Canada General Social Survey, 1999.

For more information, please go to www.statscan.gc.ca or contact Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre at info@fgwrc.ca or 477-1123, or visit our website at www.fgwrc.ca.