



FORT GARRY WOMEN'S  
RESOURCE CENTRE

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: FACT SHEET

- Half of Canadian women (51%) have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16.
- One to two women are murdered by a current or former partner each week in Canada.
- Violence against women occurs across all ethnic, racial, religious, age, social and economic groups.
- In Canada, females continue to be the most likely victims of police-reported spousal violence accounting for 83% of victims.
- According to Statistics Canada, 600,000 women in common-law or marital relationship reported that they had been physically or sexually assaulted by a spouse in 2004.
- Between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, approximately 101,000 women and children were admitted to 569 shelters in Canada.
- 36 % of female victims of spousal violence and less than 10 % of victims of sexual assault reported these crimes to the police in 2004.
- Amnesty International (2004) reports that Aboriginal women age 25-44 are five times more likely than other Canadian women of the same age to die of violence.
- Fear of deportation and fear of the police often keep Immigrant and Refugee women from reporting domestic violence.
- Immigrant and Refugee women often stay in abusive relationships because of isolation, few economic resources, and lack of employment or underemployment and language barriers.

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