

WOMEN'S REALITY

A woman is raped every 17 minutes in Canada.

Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres 1981 – 2009

1 woman in 4 will be raped sometime in her life, most often by someone she knows.

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60% of rapes, battery, and sexual assaults take place in the home, the place women are supposed to be the safest.

Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, 2009

In 76.8% of reported cases, the women knew their assailant.

Canadian Crime Statistics Report, Statistics Canada 2000

1 in 8 girls are sexually assaulted before the age of 18, most often by a male family member.

Vancouver United Way, 1984

The average age of entry into prostitution in Canada is 12 – 14 years of age.

Prostitution and Trafficking in Nine Countries, Melissa Farley, 2003

On average, 56 women will be killed by their husbands each year in Canada.

Stopping the Violence Report, Statistics Canada, 2007

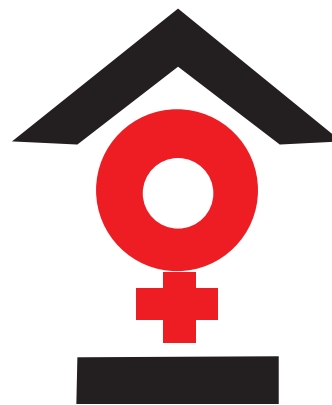
There are 520 known cases of missing or murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada.

Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC), 2009

End Violence

Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter

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Transition house for women and their children

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Confidential 24 hour crisis line



STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**Advocacy/ Accompaniment
Peer Counseling**

Support, Education & Action Groups

Legal Clinic

Women's Organizing Centre

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IF YOU NEED HELP

Transition House - safe shelter for women and children who are trying to prevent or escape male violence.

Confidential Crisis Line – call us anytime. We take emergency calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We respect every woman's right to confidentiality

Support groups – try not to be isolated from other women who can understand your situation. It's important for women to share our stories, so that we can correct the myths and distortions about our lives. Sharing emotional support and knowledge helps us join together and act for change.

Advocacy and Accompaniment – you'll need information if you have to deal with police, government ministries, social workers, courts, and/or hospitals. Phone for an appointment to find out what we know. We can also come with you to your appointments and proceedings to provide emotional support and advocacy.

Over the phone and face to face counseling is available for emotional support and to help you strategize and fight back.

Legal Clinic – call us to book an appointment with our lawyers.

We have articles, films, and speakers on male violence against women for your students, coworkers, family, friends, lovers. We are interested in sharing our resources with other groups.

We celebrate all the ways women choose to resist and survive

WHO WE ARE

Vancouver Rape Relief was opened in 1973 by two women. Since then, we have grown into a volunteer feminist collective, committed to ending violence against women.

We opened a transition house in 1981, a place where women can get what we actually need to resist: more safety, more time to organize, and room to dream and scheme together. If you don't have safe shelter, our transition house is available to you.

Rape, battery, incest, and sexual assaults are acts of aggression, anger and misogyny by which violent men force us into violent situations against our will and attempt to deny us the right to control our own bodies.

This violence is an abuse of power. Men are more privileged in this world than we are, just as white people have power over people of colour and the rich have power over the poor.

Men who attack us use whatever power they have: as a boss, as a father, as a husband, as a friend; with physical force and with weapons. They betray our trust and invade our homes. They use the state to threaten us with the loss of our children, with deportation, and with institutionalization.



GET INVOLVED

What Women Can Do

Inform yourself about the resources in your community like transition houses, and about your rights in the workplace and at home. Plan what to do if you are attacked.

If you know of a woman in danger, help her – at least by giving her the number of a rape crisis line or transition house.

Talk about your experiences with neighbours, friends, and workmates, or join a women's group. We can put you in touch with women's groups in your area.

Join our work. We always need new volunteers.

Speak out
Expose men who attack
Silence is their protection

What Men Can Do

MAKE THE CHOICE NOT TO BE VIOLENT

Believe women when they tell you about sexism. If you know a man who is violent, tell him to stop and support him in getting help.

If you want to stop violence, stop telling sexist jokes, using pornography, and buying prostituted women.

Support your local rape crisis centre.
To fundraise or donate, call us
or visit our website