



**Presentation on:**

# **Women Suffering from Domestic Violence in Canada**



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- physical or sexual force, actual or threatened; psychological/ emotional abuse, verbal abuse, and economic/financial abuse
- primarily men towards women, typically by partner or ex-partner but any family member

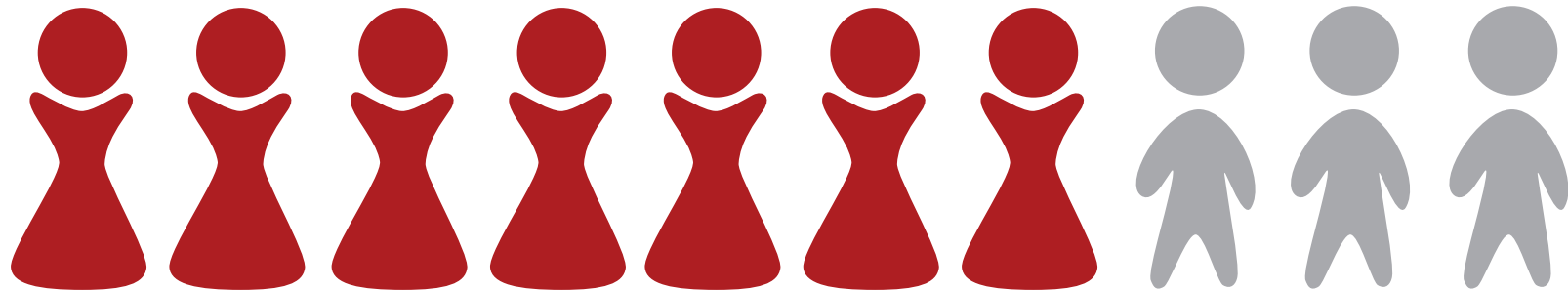


- often these crimes happens in a pattern
- meant to scare, intimidate or humiliate, or to make a person feel powerless



- 83% of reported incidents are against females
- only 22% of domestic crime in Canada is actually reported

In 2013, almost 7 in 10 family violence victims were female.



In 2013, almost 8 in 10 spousal violence victims were female.





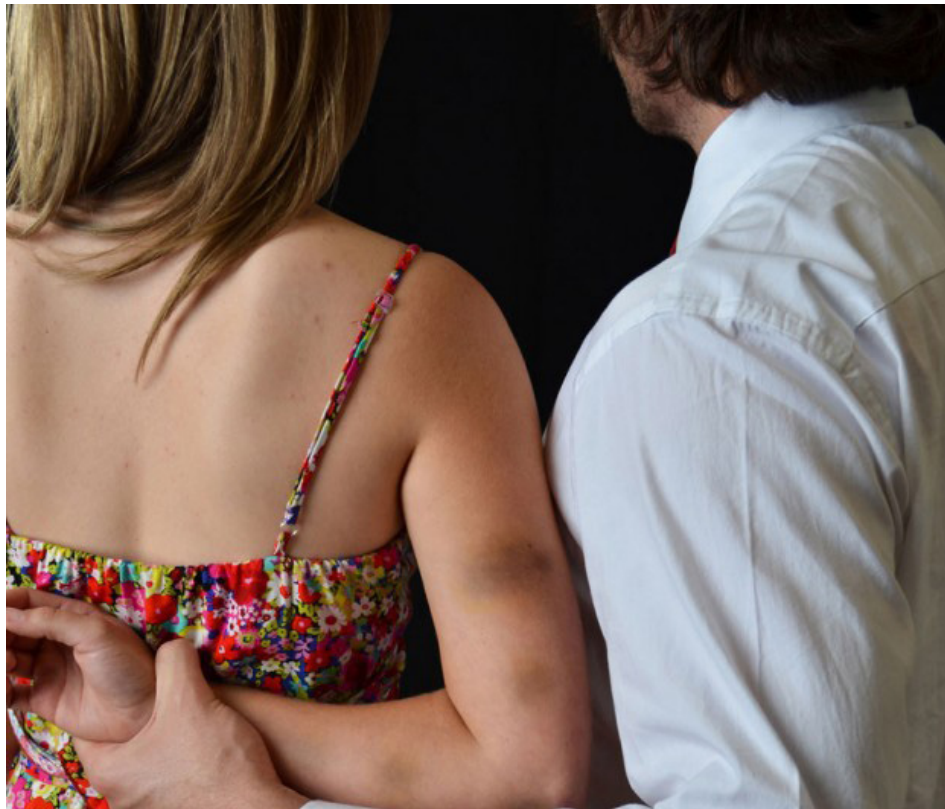
- most often reported if they were physically injured, feared for their lives or had a greater number of incidents
- 95% did so because they wanted the violence to end and to receive protection



...a woman in Canada is **murdered** by her intimate partner.

- Over the years, the rate of intimate partner homicide against women is actually increasing
- Sixty percent of the dating violence occurs after the woman has left the relationship





For Intimate Partner Violence cases that were completed in adult criminal courts....







49%




of all female murder victims in  
Canada are killed by a former/  
current intimate partner.

25%



of all female victims of spousal murder,  
were killed after they left the relationship.





- in Canada on April 16, 2014:
- 627 shelters for abused women
- 338 women and their 201 children weren't allowed in, 56% due to it being full



- Women who leave a partner to raise a child on her own is five times more likely to be poor than if she stayed



- for 85% of the reported incidents, police came to the location of the incident
- after police involvement, incidents of spousal violence decreased for 48% of female victims, stayed the same for 23% and increased for 6%



## Right to protection



Consideration of your security and privacy, and reasonable and necessary protection from intimidation and retaliation

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Canada



- 1 in 7 female victims of spousal violence get a restraining order
- in 2009, 15% obtained a restraining or protection order





- 32% of these orders were breached
- 65% of the female victims who had the order breached reported it



8 in 10 women victimized by their spouse told family, friends or another source of informal support.



- 84% of the reported spousal incidents to the police were done by the female victims themselves



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