

The Facts on Violence Against Women

What is Violence Against Women?

The United Nations defines violence against women as “Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life^[1].”



A word about statistics.

When it comes to statistics relating to violence against women and children it's important to know that you don't have to be a math expert to understand the numbers. You simply have to be willing to recognize that each statistic represents a woman, child, or family — a life — torn apart by violence and abuse.

Violence against women includes, but is not limited to:

What are the roots of Violence Against Women?

- Violence against women is rooted in unequal power relationships between men and women in society. In a broader context, structural relationships of inequalities in politics, religion, media and discriminatory cultural norms perpetuate violence against girls and women.
- Violence against women is a global problem and not limited to a specific group of women in society. However, the forms of violence might be shaped differently based on factors such as sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, class, age, nationality. Significantly, Immigrant and Aboriginal women are further marginalized due to ongoing racism, which contributes to violence and is internalized by marginalized people impeding their social and personal power. Poverty, isolation from family and friends, language difficulties, and homelessness also contribute to the victimization of the most vulnerable women in society.
- In a male-dominant society, male privilege becomes the norm and contributes to the belief and behaviour of men that they have the right to control women.

How big is the problem of Violence Against Women throughout the world?



Is Violence Against Women Still A Serious Problem in Canada?



What is the impact of Violence Against Women on children?

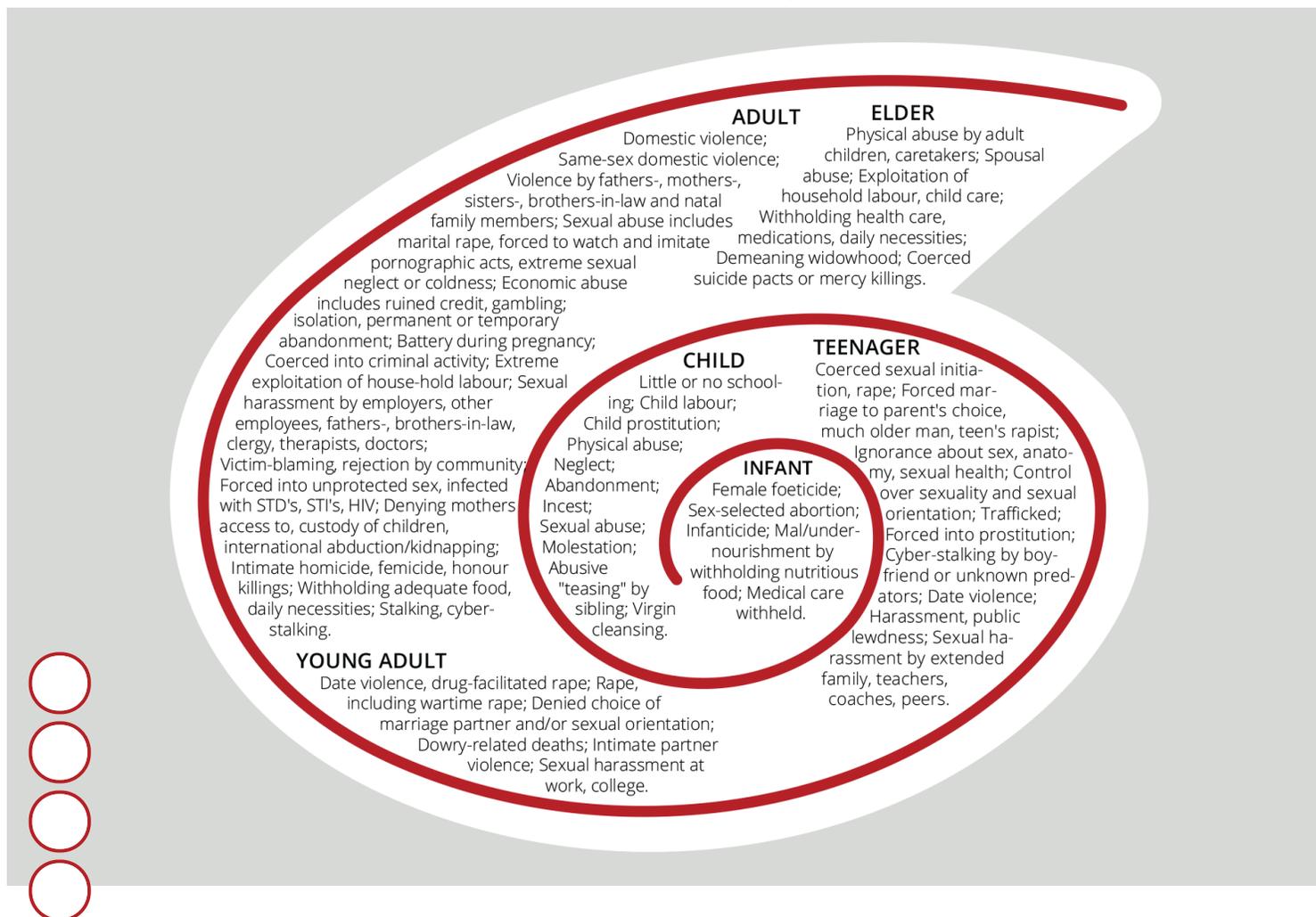


How wide is Violence Against Women in B.C.?



How you can bring an end to Violence Against Women?





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