

# VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN LIVING WITH DISABILITIES IN CANADA

**Women living with disabilities experience disproportionately high rates of violence.**

They face **45%** of all reported incidents of violent crime against women in Canada.

Yet, they only make up **14.9%** of women in Canada.

Women living with disabilities are about **2 times** more likely than other women to be:

- a victim of violent crime
- victimized in their own home
- sexually assaulted
- victimized multiple times
- emotionally, financially, physically, or sexually abused by a current or former partner
- sexually abused by an adult before age 15
- homeless (strict or hidden) at some point in their lives

Women living with disabilities who have experienced homelessness are **3 times** more likely than other women to self-report violent victimization.

**71% of women living with disabilities who have experienced intimate partner violence contact or use formal services**

These sobering and alarming statistics indicate:

- 1. Services for women experiencing violence must be accessible and responsive to the needs of women living with disabilities**
- 2. Effective violence prevention must increase the safety and security of women living with disabilities**

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