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27% of women in Canada can expect to be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives.

49.5% of women are under the age of 17 at the time of their sexual assault.

68.5% of women were sexually assaulted by men they know.

61% of all sexual assaults in Canada are never reported to police.

60% of college-aged males reported that under the right circumstances they would use force, rape, or both in sexual relations with women.

Young people from 12 to 17 years of age are the primary consumers of pornography in Canada today.

35% of 12- to 17-year-old Canadians reported watching sexually violent scenes (rape, torture, bondage, etc.).

37% of 12- to 17-year-old Canadians reported watching sexually explicit videos once a month or more.

Research indicates that exposure to violence and /or dehumanizing pornography—

- 1) increases acceptance of rape myths;
- 2) increases acceptance of violence against women;
- 3) decreases sensitivity to the suffering of rape victims;
- 4) increases sexual callousness; and
- 5) increases men's reported willingness to rape.

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## Violence Against Women & Children

### Statistics

1 out of 4 women will be sexually assaulted during her lifetime.

Half of these sexual assaults will be against women under the age of 16 years old.

83% - 90% of women with disabilities will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime.

Of all women who are sexually assaulted, 69% are assaulted by men that they know.

Of all incidents of sexual assault,  
24% took place in the victim's home,  
20% in the perpetrators home,  
10% in someone else's home,  
25% in a car,  
and 21% in a public place.

Only 6% of sexual assaults are reported to police.

63% of all sexual assaults reported to police involved girls under the age of 18.

31% of sexual assaults occur in dating and acquaintance relationships.

60% of Canadian college-aged males report that they would commit sexual assault if they were certain that they would not be caught.

Children do not lie about sexual abuse. Children do not have the explicit sexual knowledge necessary to describe phenomena that they have not experienced. If children lie about sexual abuse it is most often to recant in order to protect the offender and/or the family unit.



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8 in 10 Aboriginal women in Ontario reported having experienced violence.

80% of all child abusers are the father, foster father, step father, or another relative or close family friend of the victim.

35% of girls between grades 7-12 had been sexually and/or physically abused.

Studies of sexual assault against children and young adolescents report that more than 97% of perpetrators were male.

Studies report that women commit 2 – 4% of reported sex offenses against children.

Incestuous relationships last 7 years on average.

1 in 6 males in Canada experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18 years old.

Sexual abuse of children does not usually involve violence. Because children are so trusting, violence is not needed to get them to cooperate.

Sexual Child Abuse is not restricted to low socio-economic families; sexual Assault can and does occur in any type of family.



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