

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



NOVEMBER 25 IS A DAY THAT RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT HOW WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD ARE OFTEN SUBJECTED TO VARIOUS FORMS OF VIOLENCE.

HISTORY

1960
NOVEMBER 25

Dominican Republic political activists, the **MIRABAL SISTERS**, were assassinated by Dominican dictator, Rafael Trujillo

1981
NOVEMBER 25

Activists at the **LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN FEMINIST ENCUEENTROS** marked this day to combat and raise awareness of violence against women more broadly

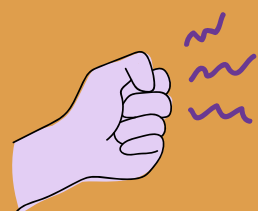
1991
DECEMBER 17

The date November 25 receives its **OFFICIAL U.N. RESOLUTION** as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

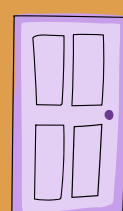


WHAT ARE FORMS OF VIOLENCE?

The United Nations defines violence against women as harm that is:



PHYSICAL



SEXUAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL

83% OF ALL VICTIMS OF SPOUSAL VIOLENCE ARE WOMEN

According to self-reported data, women are **MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE MULTIPLE VICTIMIZATIONS**

Women are **3X** more likely to report being **BEATEN, CHOKED, SEXUALLY ASSAULTED, OR THREATENED WITH A GUN OR KNIFE BY THEIR PARTNER OR EX-PARTNER**



HALF OF ALL WOMEN IN CANADA

have experienced at least one incident of **PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE** since the age of 16

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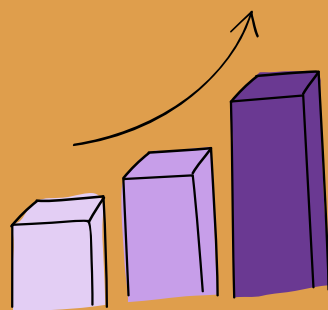
the amount Canadians collectively spend to deal with the aftermath of spousal violence alone, according to the Department of Justice. This includes costs such as **EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS, LOSS OF INCOME, AND FUNERALS**

WHAT IS LAO DOING?

LAO has a Domestic Violence Strategy that attempts to address the legal issues that domestic violence survivors experience by:



Making it easier to **ACCESS SERVICES**



Improving the way LAO staff, community legal clinics, and private lawyers provide **LEGAL HELP**



Working with community groups to bring about **SUSTAINABLE CHANGE**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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