Sexual Violence is an issue that affects each and every one of us. According to Statistics Canada, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in Canada will experience sexual violence in their lifetime. This means that we are all interconnected to the issue either by having lived experience or knowing someone who has.

Every year during Sexual Violence Awareness Week, we raise awareness about the realities of sexual violence with the hope to shift attitudes & beliefs surrounding the issue.

Sexual violence exists in various different forms, but there is a common thread that connects each form – the majority of survivors (85%) experience sexual violence from someone they know.

**CAMPAIGN CALL TO ACTION #1**

Learn more about how sexual violence affects people, families and communities across the province by reading our research findings.
Key Messages

Sexual Violence is a personal and relational crime. The majority of survivors have experienced sexual violence from someone they know.

Everyday, people are sexually exploited & trafficked by their intimate partners in Saskatchewan. It happens here & it’s not always what it appears.

Preventing sexual violence means learning to take better care of each other. We can do this by holding our systems and institutions accountable to ensuring every person has equal access and opportunity to safe housing, adequate food, meaningful education, safe transportation, access to justice, and reconciliation.

This Year’s Campaign

This year’s campaign shines a light on the issue of sexual exploitation & human trafficking in Saskatchewan. This issue has been happening for years in our province, however, there is a significant gap when it comes to understanding, addressing, and responding to the issue.

One of the most common misconceptions of human trafficking is that individuals are kidnapped or smuggled by strangers across borders in foreign countries. When in reality, people are trafficked here in Saskatchewan every day and most often by someone they are in an intimate relationship with.

Throughout the week, we will be raising awareness about the reality of this issue through educational events, social media posts, changemaking conversations and resource guides.

CAMPAIGN CALL TO ACTION #2

Help us shine a light on the reality of Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking in Saskatchewan by sharing our social media posts, tagging us in your own and using the hashtags:

#sexualviolenceawarenessweek
#svaw2022

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Sexual Violence Awareness Week: Virtual Event Series

**RESEARCH LAUNCH**
TUESDAY, 9AM–12PM CST

Be a part of the launch of emerging research on Human Trafficking of Women & Girls across the Prairies presented by Hope Restored Canada.

**KEYNOTE STORY**
Tuesday, 1230pm–130pm CST

Listen to Beatrice Wolfe’s story on searching for identity after experiencing sexual exploitation.

**SEXUAL HEALTH WEBINAR**
Tuesday, 2pm–330pm CST

Learn about the importance of emotional intelligence in sexual education with Natalya Mason from Saskatoon Sexual Health.

**CHANGEMAKING CONVERSATION**
Wednesday, 12pm–2pm CST

Join us for a changemaking conversation about creating safe spaces for MMIWG2S+ with the City of Saskatoon and their community leaders.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING WEBINAR**
Thursday, 12pm–130pm CST

Learn how the national hotline for Human Trafficking can be used as a responsive tool for trafficking cases with Ashley Franssen-Tingley from The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking.

**TRAUMA-INFORMED TRAINING**
Friday, 10am–1230pm CST

Take a trauma-informed training session on Ambiguous & Missing Persons Loss with Caring Hearts.

**CAMPAIGN CALL TO ACTION #3**
Learn from and connect with a community of subject matter experts, service providers, survivors and community leaders by registering for our free virtual event series.