

GIVING A VOICE.

Giving a Voice to Sexual Violence Experiences of Survivors in Marginalized Communities.

Sexual assault victimization is high among members of marginalized communities due to the widespread discrimination that exists in mainstream society.

When marginalized people experience discrimination, they learn not to seek support. The ongoing fallout from unresolved traumas accumulates to produce long-term negative health outcomes and complex social issues.



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¹Conroy & Cotter, 2017

INDIGENOUS women and girls are 3.5 times more likely to be assaulted and experience greater violence than non-indigenous women.

Rural and Remote Communities face disproportionately high rates of sexual violence with limited resources and supports for survivors.

NON-BINARY people who do not conform to genders of hetero-norms face higher rates of sexualized harassment and violence.

2SLGBTQQIA+ Persons identifying as non-heterosexual experience heightened rates of violence 40 to 50% greater than those identifying as heterosexual.¹

PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITY
In 2014, Canadians living with physical or mental disabilities experienced sexual assault at a rate double that of people without known disabilities.

SENIORS living alone are vulnerable to sexual assault and are less likely to report known perpetrators.

NEWCOMERS experience heightened risk for sexual violence due to discrimination and marginalization from mainstream society. Some barriers they experience include isolation, language barriers, lack of stable employment, and affordable housing.

MEN who disclose sexual violence experiences are often ignored, ridiculed, or not believed, discouraging them from seeking support.

The information on this graphic was collected from our research report titled, "Sexual Violence in Saskatchewan: Voices, Stories, Insights, and Actions from the Front Lines." These are the findings from 1033 participants including survivors (541), close friends and family (115), and service providers (377).