

# MAKING A CHANGE.

## Making a Change to How Sexual Violence is Disclosed and Reported Through the Elimination of Systemic & Societal Barriers.

One of the largest gaps in trauma-response measures to sexual violence is access to safe disclosure and reporting options.

The reality is that there are numerous societal and systemic barriers, which silence survivors and makes it unsafe to disclose or/and report acts of sexual violence.



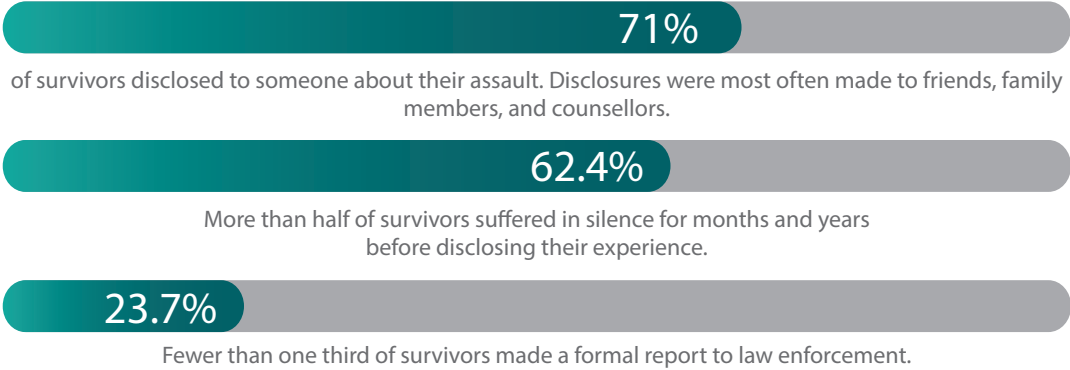
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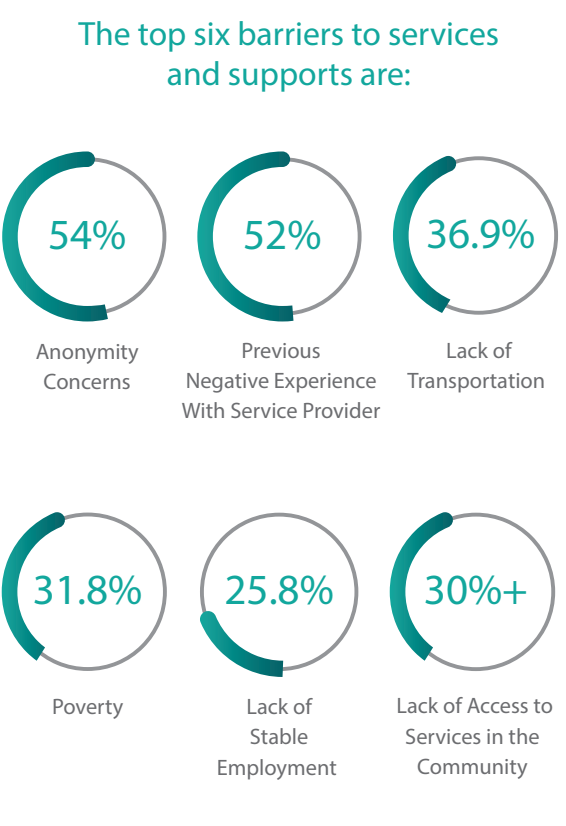
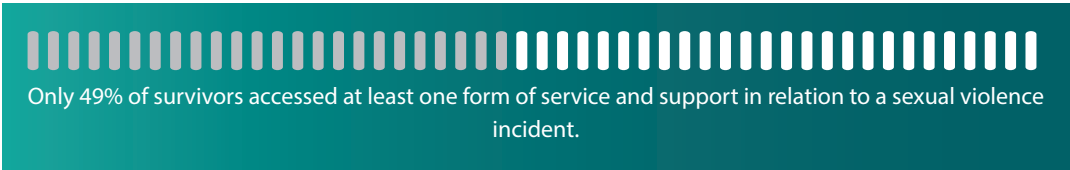
## Disclosure and Reporting



The top four reasons survivors did not formally report were:

- 01 Fear of not being believed.
- 02 Fear of being blamed for the assault.
- 03 Shame and embarrassment.
- 04 Lack of knowledge of process.

When survivors are not believed or are treated poorly, this can lead to further violence and has an impact on their ability to access other services and report future instances of sexual violence.



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We have determined four priority areas to address sexual violence that are outlined in the Saskatchewan Sexual Violence Action Plan.

Challenge sexual violence and change

- 01 societal attitudes through prevention and education.
- 02 Improve supports and intervention services for people who experience sexual violence.
- 03 Improve responses and supports for survivors accessing the legal and justice system.
- 04 Build collaborative leadership and accountability to support an inclusive and multi-sectoral approach in addressing sexual violence.

Statistics on Sexual Assault - Bill C-46: Records Applications Post-Mills, A Caselaw Review. (2015, July 1). Department of Justice. [https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/csj-sjc/ccs-ajc/rr06\\_vic2/p\\_3\\_4.html](https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/csj-sjc/ccs-ajc/rr06_vic2/p_3_4.html)

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).