LEARNING NETWORK VIRTUAL FORUM

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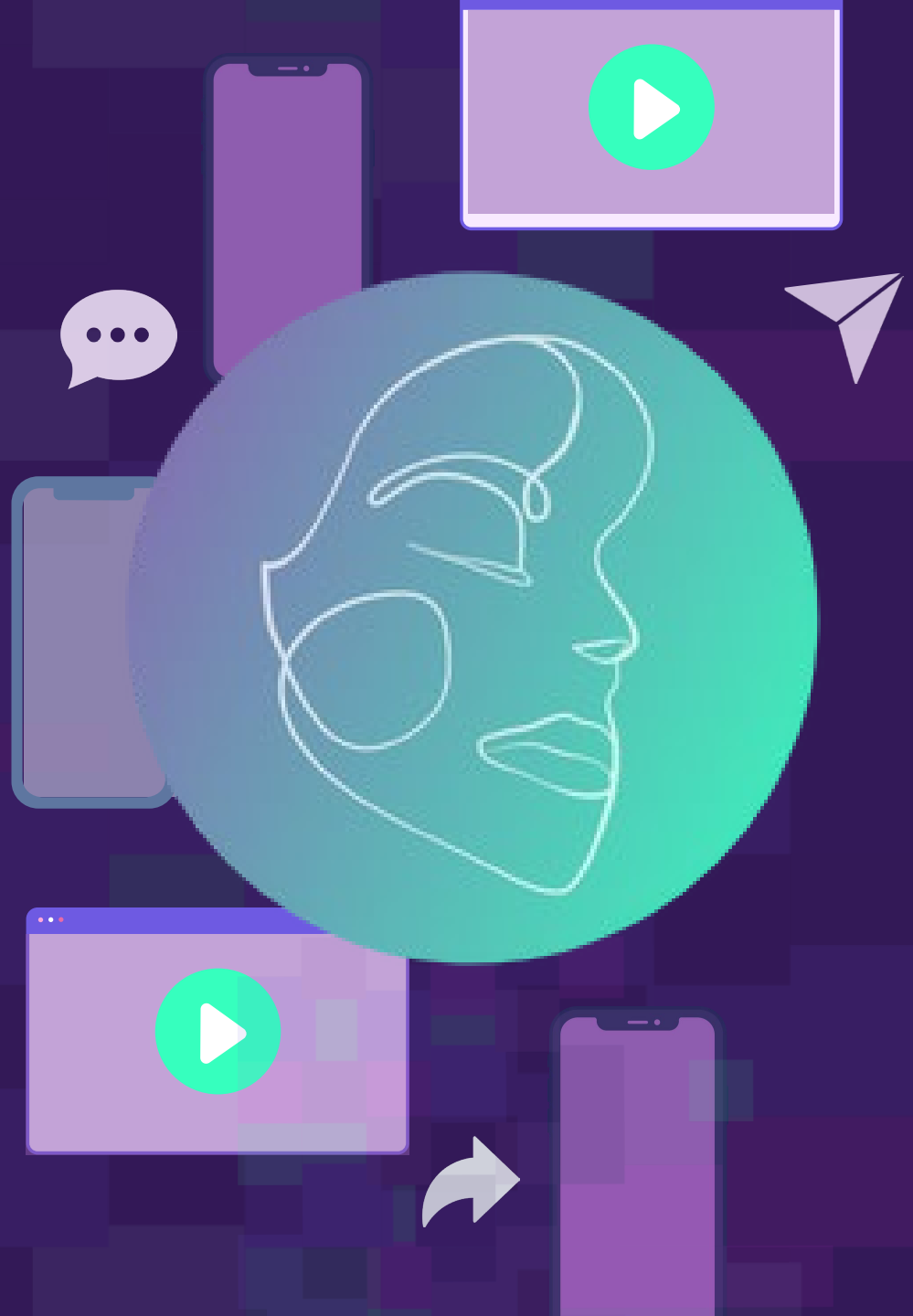

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Strategies to Support Survivors of Image-Based Sexual Violence

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More than a Shelter: Supporting Survivors of Image Based Sexual Violence

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ABOUT US

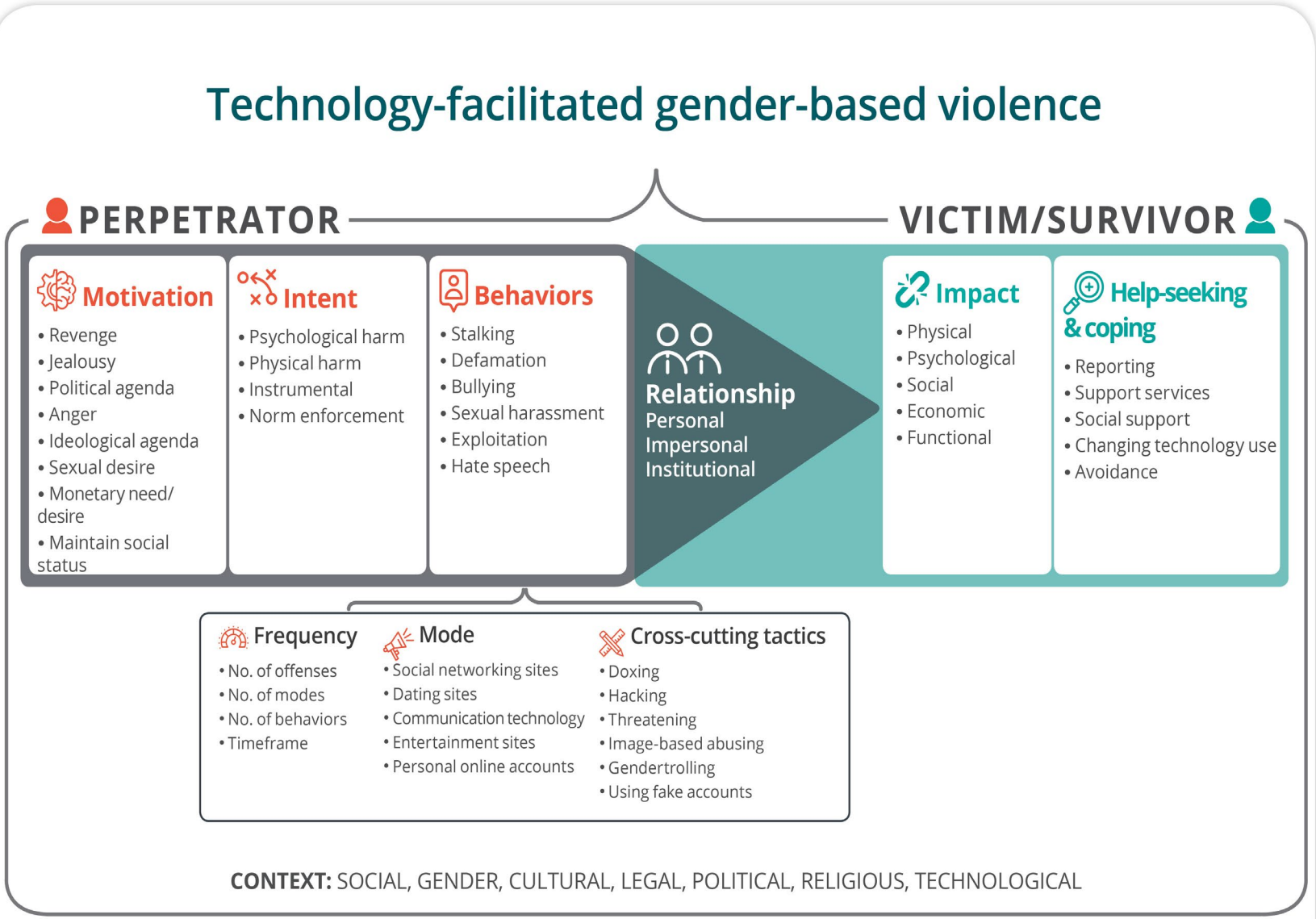
Women's Shelters Canada

Provides leadership for collaboration and knowledge exchange among shelters and transition houses across the country.

Tech Safety Canada

Equip shelter and transition house workers with the knowledge and resources they need to support women, children, and gender-diverse people with their experiences of Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV)

WHAT IS TECH-FACILITATED GENDER -BASED VIOLENCE?



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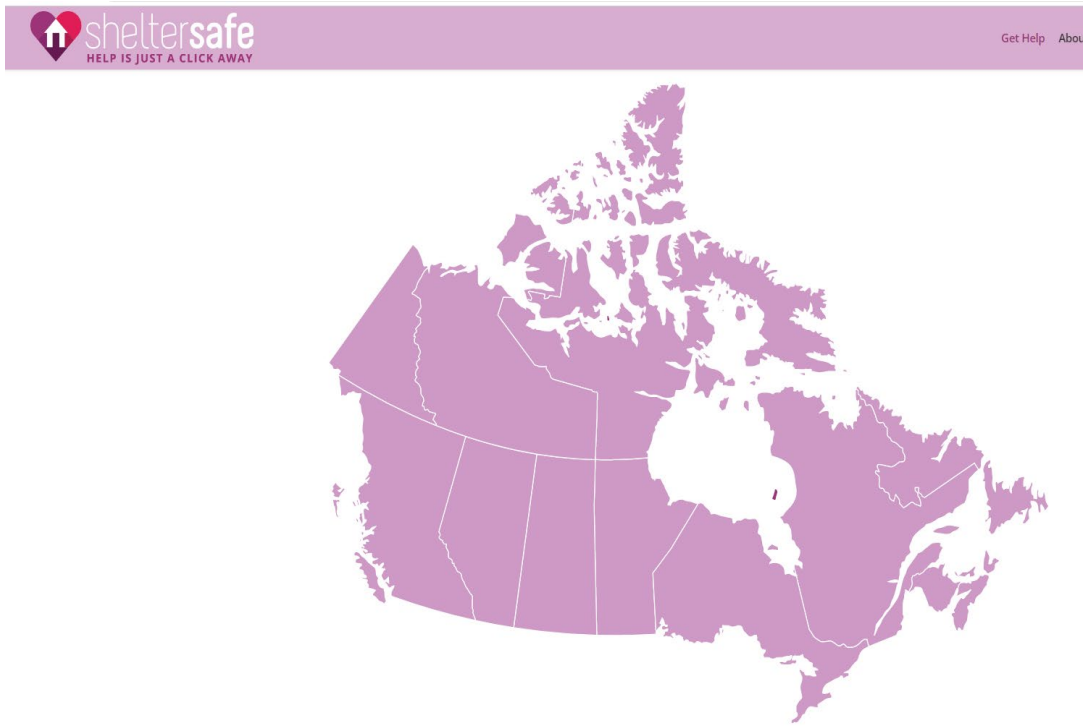
IMAGED BASED ABUSE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Abusers share or threaten to share intimate images of women to manipulate, punish, or control.

Posts of intimate images sometimes include identifying information to create risk of further abuse, stalking, and harassment by other perpetrators.

Image Based Abuse can quickly move offline into other forms of sexual, physical, financial, and emotional abuse.

WOMEN'S SHELTERS AND TRANSITION HOUSES CAN HELP



- More than a Shelter
- You don't need to stay in a shelter to receive support
- www.sheltersafe.ca

CREATE A TECH SAFETY PLAN:

Safety

Of survivors (and their children) are the priority.

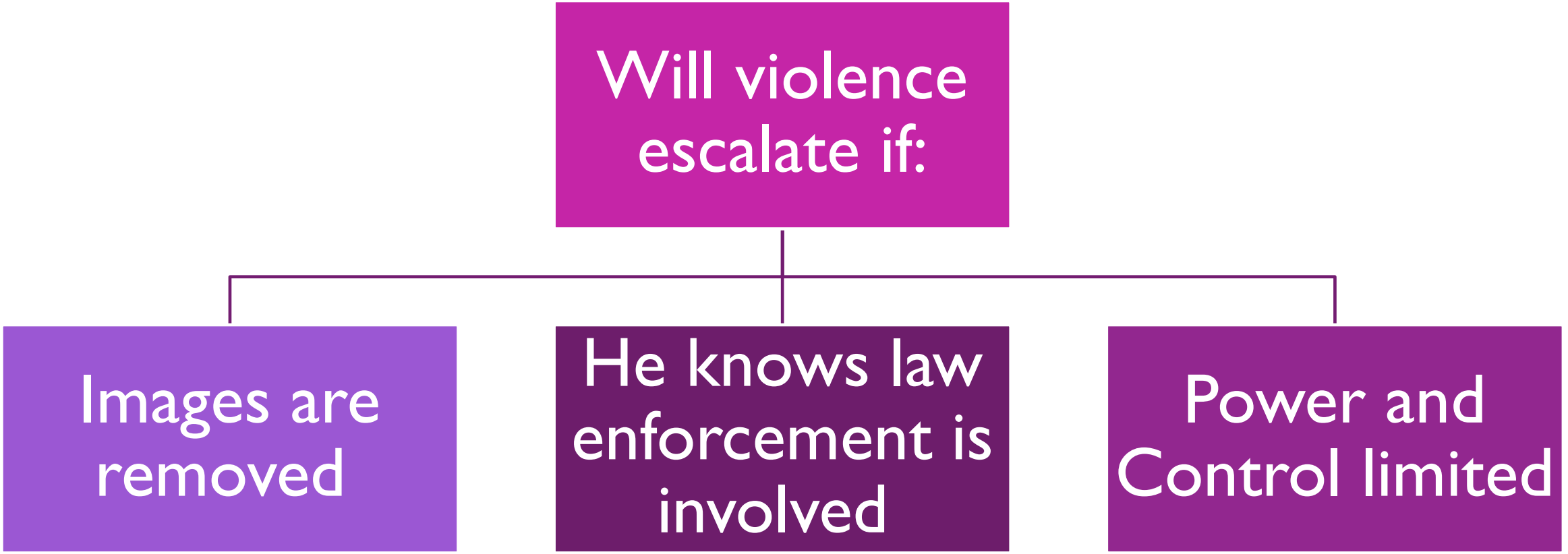
Educate

Give survivors tools and strategies so they can manage their risk and safety.

Empower

Give survivors back some control and choice.

CONSIDER ISSUES TO SAFETY



DOCUMENT WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Capture the URL
- Identify the website
- Include the name of the poster and profile info
- Date/time the image was posted and the date the evidence was collected
- Any other related harassment, such as emails or texts
- Any statements the abuser made about posting the intimate image

REPORT TO THE WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Major social media and websites have a process to remove NCII

Capture the evidence before you report it

If no reporting process, community or content guidelines may help

Be wary of websites that require a lot of personal information or ask for payment to remove the image

REMOVE IMAGES FROM SEARCH ENGINES

Submit a request to Google or Bing to remove the URL links with your image from search results.

If the image has been shared without consent and over the age of 18, see stopncii.org for help.

REFER TO LEGAL ADVICE

- Know your rights
- Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images is illegal in Canada
- Check out WSC's Preserving Digital Evidence and Legal Remedies Toolkit at www.techsafetycanada.ca

REPORT THE ABUSE

Report to the police.

If the person is threatening to share content on Facebook or Instagram and you're hoping to prevent that visit StopNCII.org for support.

TECH SAFETY TIPS

Limit identifying information or images (face, tattoos) in the content that is sent

Neutral backgrounds

Send via encrypted messages or through an app that allows you to delete it after it's sent

Make it clear you do not want your image shared

INCREASING PRIVACY AND REDUCING RISK OF HARM

- If your photos and videos are automatically uploaded to an online cloud service, check that accounts are secure.
- Apple and Google Safety Check to See "Who" is connected to your device.
- Review the privacy settings of your social media accounts, so you know who sees what you share.
- Put passcodes on your devices.
- Consider creating a Google Alert for your name so that if anything is posted online with your name, you will get an alert.

COMING SOON

Shelter and Transition House Worker Training

Tech Safety Canada is providing free training for violence against women shelter and transition house workers across Canada. This training on technology-facilitated gender-based violence will include ways to support service users through safety planning, preservation of digital evidence, and legal remedies. Additional presentations by tech companies and tech experts will be offered.

Training dates will be added as they are confirmed.

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RESOURCES

www.techsafetycanada.ca

www.sheltersafe.ca

www.whitehatter.ca

www.bcsth.ca

https://www.leaf.ca/

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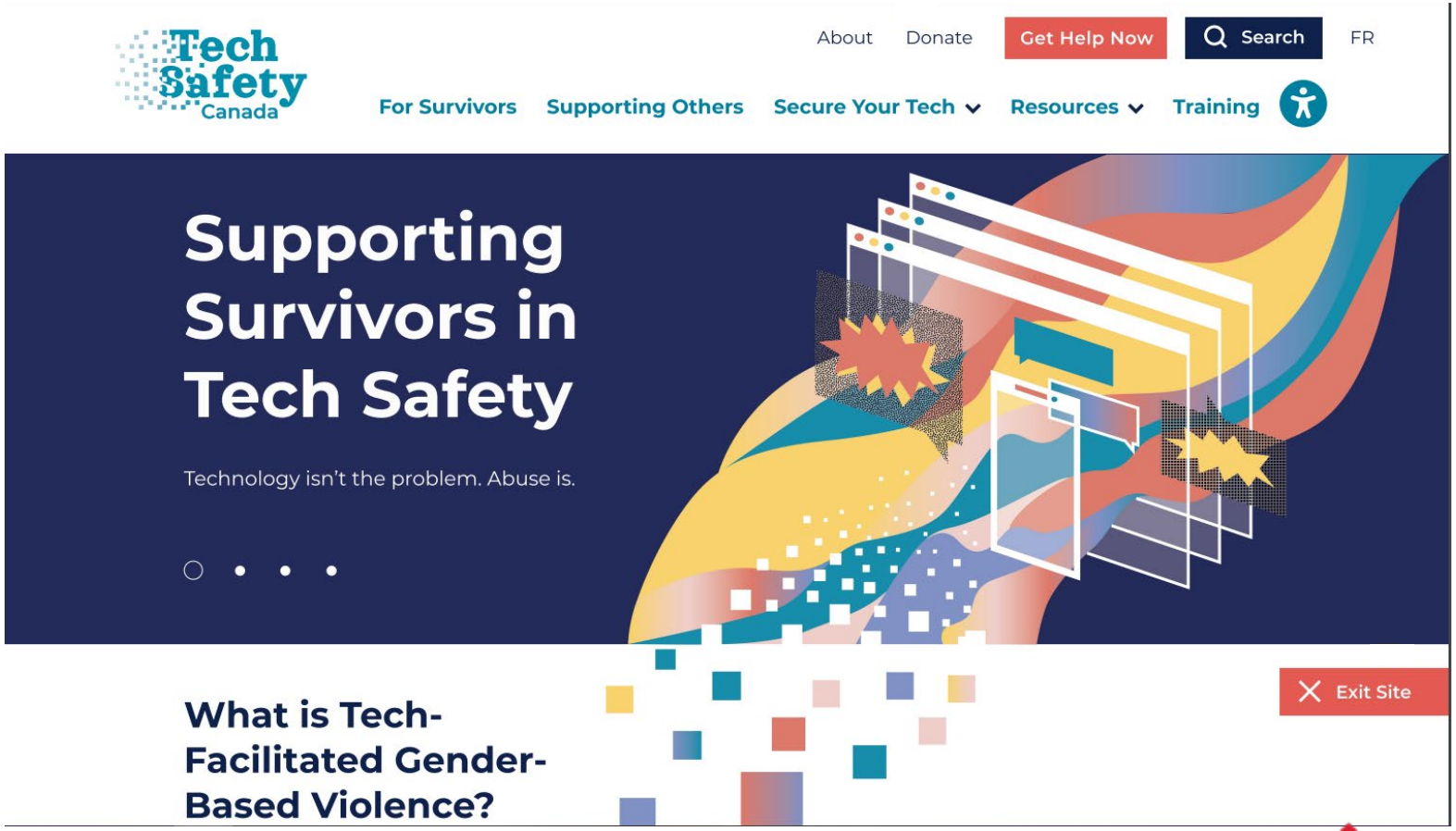

SUMMARY

- Getting rid of technology is not the answer.
- Ask Questions, Research & Educate.
- Empower and give control back to women.
- Safety planning around technology abuse should be individual and specific.
- Safety + Privacy + Technology = Possible.

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