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Violence Against Women with DisAbilities and Deaf Women

Over ½ billion women and girls in the world have a disAbility

More than 1 out of 6 women in Canada lives with a disAbility* (15 years and older)

Over 75% of incidents of sexual assault of women with mental disAbilities involve recurring episodes

Most often the abusive person is a caregiver

Women living with disAbilities* are more likely to be victims of the most severe forms of spousal violence

42% of homeless women living in Toronto have a history of traumatic brain injury

1 in 10 women residing in shelters on April 16, 2008 lived with some form of disAbility

Availability of accessible services as reported by Canadian Shelters in 2008:

- 2/3 of shelters had wheelchair-accessible bedrooms
- 22% provided TTY/TDD equipment (i.e., specially equipped telephones) for women with hearing impairments
- 17% provided sign language or interpretation services
- 17% provided large print reading materials for women who are visually impaired
- 5% provided Braille reading materials

*underestimate due to narrow definition of disAbility