

FACTS ON YOUTH VIOLENCE

- The vast majority of youth violence is perpetrated by males.
- 75% of victims know their attackers with 6 out of 10 being an acquaintance or friend.
- The vast majority of street youth are runaways from abusive homes.
- In 1998 there were 22,145 youths charged with violent criminal code offences. This is a 93% increase from 10 years ago.
- Bullying happens once every 7 minutes on the playground and once every 25 minutes in the classroom. Most youth violence goes unreported.
- The highest risk group for sexual assault in the adult category is young women between the ages of 14 and 18 years old.
- The average age for men who “date” rape is 18-1/2 yrs old.
- 1 in 2 female children and 1 in 4 male children are victims of assault. The male children are more likely to resist.
- Each year in Canada, 1 in 10 females are hit, kicked, punched or threatened by their husbands or boyfriends.
- Children are usually abused by someone they know and trust – usually a male family member or relation.
- Females often stay in an abusive relationship because they are afraid to leave. 75% of females who are killed by a male partner were trying to leave the relationship when they died.
- Adults use their position of authority to convince children to give in to their sexual demands.
- 90% of prostitutes are survivors of childhood sexual abuse.
- A weapon is involved in 12% of rapes in Canada. In the majority of cases where a weapon is used, the attacker got the weapon from the female.
- Sexual Harassment is illegal in Canada. 85% of high school girls report being targets of sexual harassment. Teenage boys also get sexually harassed, however only 19% of them report being upset by the experience.
- 1 in 12 male students surveyed had committed acts that met the legal definition of rape or attempted rape.
- Only 27% of females whose sexual assault met the legal definition of rape thought of themselves as rape victims.
- One quarter of all rapes occur after the man makes initial contact – such as requesting information or just “being friendly”.