

Satisfaction with

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (SA/DV) TREATMENT CENTRES IN ONTARIO

BY DISABILITY STATUS



REASON
for VISIT
to SA/DV Treatment
Centre

73%

Sexual Assault
(includes by an
intimate partner)

26%

Domestic
Violence



1 in 5

women and adolescent girls presenting
to SA/DV Treatment Centres lived with
at least **ONE** disABILITY

WOMEN
LIVING WITH DISABILITIES
WERE OVERWHELMINGLY
PLEASED WITH CARE
AT SA/DV TREATMENT CENTRES

96% felt safe during their visit

96% felt they were treated with
respect

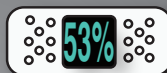
97% rated overall care as
Excellent or Good

96% would recommend
the service they
received

MORE LIKELY TO SUSTAIN

PHYSICAL INJURY

DURING ASSAULT:



women living
WITH
disABILITIES



women living
WITHOUT
disABILITIES

The most commonly cited concerns for victims
of SA/DV seeking treatment were:

PRIVACY

"...coming through the Emergency Department
was unnerving...a separate entrance would
have been appreciated"

WAIT TIMES

"It took a long
time for someone
to help me"

"nurses knew what happened and
gave me the pity look"

DISCRETION

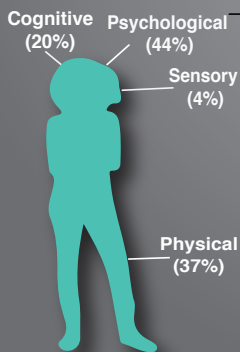


Only 1/2 of women living with disABILITIES were
ACCOMPANIED to a SA/DV treatment centre



Women living with disABILITIES were more likely to be
vulnerable and socially isolated:

unemployed **older** **widowed** **divorced**
lack support from **separated** **living alone** **homeless**
friends and family



21% of these
women
reported
living with
multiple
disABILITIES.
The most
common
combination
was
**PSYCHOLOGICAL
AND
PHYSICAL**

More than **1 in 5** women seeking care following abuse have
reported living with at least one type of disability.

Abuse can include:

- Physical assault
- Any unwanted sexual act
- Verbal threats/abuse
- Emotional/Psychological abuse
- Neglect
- Financial/Material abuse
- Withholding access to information, medical equipment, communication devices, or medications
- Forced isolation from others
- Decision-making on behalf of the woman without her consent

Who can help:

- Your local Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence Treatment Centre:
<http://www.sadvttreatmentcentres.ca>
- Your local Sexual Assault Crisis Centre:
<http://www.sexualassaultsupport.ca>
- The Assaulted Women's Helpline: 1-866-863-0511; TTY 1-866-863-7868
<http://www.awhl.org/>
- Fem'Aide (French Support Line): 1-877-336-2433; ATS: 1-866-860-7082
<http://www.femaide.ca/>
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
- Your health care provider
- The police

For additional information and resources visit the website of the
DisAbleD Women's Network of Ontario: <http://dawn.thot.net/>



Scan the QR code with
your phone for more
resources and
information

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WCH Du Mont J, Macdonald S, White M and Turner L. (2013). 'She was truly an angel': Women with disabilities' satisfaction with
hospital-based sexual assault and domestic violence services. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*; 9(3).

