



CENTRE FOR
Women's Safety
and Wellbeing

Preventing Violence
Promoting Health
Advancing Gender Equality

The Centre for Women's Safety & Wellbeing is the peak body for:

- **Domestic & Family Violence Services for Women & their Children**
- **Sexual Assault Services**
- **Community-Based Women's Health Services**

FOCUS AREAS:

- Research
- Advocacy
- Practice Development
- Communications
- Strategic Collaboration

About Our Member Services

Domestic & Family Violence Services include:

- Counselling & Advocacy Services
- Refuge Services
- Safe at Home Services
- Children's Services
- Outreach Services

Sexual Assault Services:

- Regional Sexual Assault Support Services

Community-base Women's Health Services:

- Clinical services, counselling services, mental health and alcohol and other drug services, health promotion services

Current projects

- Online service directory
- Data collection and analysis; data dashboard – with key indicators of women’s safety and perpetrator accountability
- Knowledge translation and exchange
- Domestic and family violence competency and capability in the alcohol and other drug service sector
- Domestic and family violence literacy in regional communities
- Non-Fatal Strangulation in Aboriginal communities
- Funds for Freedom
- Women Without Income
- Annual Silent March
- Current work on WA responses to coercive control, sexual violence and the impact of the housing crisis on women and children experiencing domestic and family violence
- Family, domestic and sexual violence conference – Bringing Children and Young People into View
- Digital technologies project
- Preventing Violence Together.

Our primary prevention work employs the conceptual framework found in Change the Story. This evidence-based framework identifies gender inequality as the driver of violence against women. In particular, preventing violence against women involves promoting gender equality through:

- Challenging the condoning of violence against women
- Promoting women's independence and decision making
- Challenging stereotypical constructions of masculinity and femininity; and
- Strengthening positive, equal and respectful relations.

Preventing Violence Together

Preventing violence with local governments

local government is critical in driving the change needed to prevent violence against women and to embed gender equity and respect into local communities.

Health and community services, arts, sports and recreation, education, care and public spaces are all settings which provide local councils with the opportunity to embed primary prevention activities



Free to Be

- Over two-thirds (72%) of the incident reports collected via the website included sexual harassment of some kind. 14% recorded sexual assaults
- 90% of young women don't feel safe after dark.
- Of those who have experienced street harassment, more than a third were first harassed between the ages of 11 and 15.
- At least 20 young women stopped studying or quit their job because of a perceived threat. A third of these incidents were apparently reported to the authorities, but further action was only taken in one instance.
- Nearly half of those recording bad incidents now avoid that area if they are alone and 12% have never gone back to that location.
- Fewer than one in 10 incidences of harassment and abuse were reported to authorities. In more than two-thirds of these cases, girls and young women reported that the authorities didn't take action.
- Instances of public masturbation and flashing were recorded – the issue was particularly prominent in parks.

Plan International's State of the World Girls' report
2018 Unsafe in the City

Thank You!



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