



# Teacher's Kit

## Part Three: Transparencies



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## Gender Equality

1. In general, does society treat women and men equally?
2. Do women and men share the same responsibilities?
3. Are there some activities that men are more likely to do? If so, provide a few examples.
4. Are there some activities that women are more likely to? If so, provide a few examples.
5. What does society expect from/of women? Is this different from what society expects from/of men?

## True and False Statements

1. Globally, one in five women has experienced physical or sexual violence or abuse by a male.
2. Among women aged 15-44 years, gender-based violence accounts for more death and disability than the combined effects of cancer, malaria, traffic injuries and war.
3. Violence against women is usually perpetrated by strangers outside the home.
4. The economic costs of violence against women in British Columbia, including health care, policing, incarceration, court proceedings and transition houses, totals approximately one billion dollars per year.
5. 101,019 women and children were admitted to shelters across Canada between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008.
6. In Canada only 30 percent of women who have experienced physical violence and less than 10 percent of women who have experienced sexual violence report these offences to the police.
7. Over a five year period between 1994 and 1999 in Canada half a million children heard or witnessed a parent being assaulted.



## **Key Issues Relating to VAW**

1. What is violence against women (VAW)?
2. What are the effects of VAW?
3. Who does VAW effect?
4. Where does VAW happen?

## Newspaper Article

### **Domestic dispute ends in injury, serious charges**

By Jessey Bird Vancouver Sun July 30, 2007 Can West News Service

Windsor, Ont.—Neighbours quietly watched as a Windsor woman was taken away on Sunday evening, after her boyfriend allegedly ran her over with a mini-van—twice.

The 47-year-old accused male was arrested at the scene.

Police were called to a housing complex on Sunday at about 3:30 p.m. for a domestic disturbance.

The couple were arguing over a cellphone when the male allegedly hit his girlfriend with a mini-van, said police.

The victim was standing next to the car and the vehicle was reversing, said Staff Sgt. Steven Bodri, “As a result of him reversing he struck her and I guess she fell down.

“He then proceeded to drive, causing further injuries, said Bodri.

The 40-year-old victim was immediately transported to hospital with a suspected fractured leg and arm. While she is expected to make a full recovery, Bodri said police take this kind of offence very seriously. “Any domestic violence incidents are serious,” said Bodri. “This is an ongoing problem we have every day in the city and elsewhere in the province.”



## **Grouping Connections**

1. Why does violence against women happen?
2. Does violence against women occur at every level of society (individual, family, community, institutional)?
3. Is there a relationship between gender inequality and violence against women? If so, what is this relationship?



# What Can YOU Do?

## JOIN THE CAMPAIGN & BECOME A CHANGE MAKER!

Help us to change the ATTITUDES, BELIEFS and PRACTICES that support violence against women.

### Change Makers pledge to:

- Speak out publicly against VAW
- Encourage 5 other people to join the 'We Can' campaign
- Challenge, existing gender-biased attitudes, stereotypes and practices in their community
- Support all laws that eradicate violence
- Support victims of violence



### BECOME a FACILITATOR

Facilitate workshops to raise awareness about violence against women in your school, place of work and community!

### VOLUNTEER

Volunteer with your local 'We Can' partner and participate in campaign events!

### LEARN MORE

Visit our website to learn more about violence against women and the 'We Can' campaign!

### START a CHANGE MAKERS CLUB at YOUR SCHOOL

For more information and to register as a Change Maker visit

<http://www.wecanbc.ca>





## Examining the Media

1. What is the overall tone of each article?  
(i.e.: informative/factual or encouraging action)
2. How does each article portray/depict the issue of violence against women?
3. Do the articles connect the single instance of violence described to the wider issue of violence against women?
4. Do the articles make any connections between violence against women and gender inequality?
5. Do the articles make any references to the scope and or severity of violence against women?
6. Do the articles suggest that violence against women is limited to a specific community?
7. Are there any similarities or differences between the articles? If so, what are they?



## Resources

- The British Columbia 'We Can' Website: [www.wecanbc.ca](http://www.wecanbc.ca)
- The South Asia/International 'We Can' Website: [www.wecanendvaw.org](http://www.wecanendvaw.org)
- The United Nations 4<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Women:  
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/violence.htm>
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW): <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>
- Status of Women Canada: <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/>
- Women's Organizations in British Columbia:  
<http://www.distel.ca/womlist/countries/canada/britishcolumbia.html>

## Supporting Victims of Violence

- VictimLINK: 1 800-563-0808 (Toll free 24/7 helpline for victims of family and sexual violence)
- Youth Against Violence Line: 1 800 680-4264 (Toll free 24/7 helpline for youth)
- List of BC Transition Houses: <http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/women/contacts/th.htm>
- VictimsINFO: <http://victimsinfo.ca> (For victims and witnesses of crime in BC)

## Legal Tools

- Legal Aid: <http://www.lss.bc.ca>
- Guide to BC Court System: <http://www.courtsofbc.ca>
- Family Law: <http://www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca>
- Legal Resources Database: <http://www.clicklaw.bc.ca>