Violence against women: *key statistics*

Research from the 2012 ABS Personal Safety Survey and Australian Institute of Criminology shows that both men and women in Australia experience substantial levels of violence.

Domestic and sexual violence is overwhelmingly committed by men against women.

89 women were killed by their current or former partner between 2008-10. ***This equates to nearly one woman every week.***

Rates of violence against women and men

Since the age of 15:

1 in 5 Australian women had experienced ***sexual violence***

1 in 6 Australian women had experienced ***physical or sexual violence*** from a current or former partner

1 in 4 Australian women had experienced ***emotional abuse*** by a current or former partner

1 in 3 Australian women had experienced ***physical violence***

1 in 22 Australian men had experienced ***sexual violence***

1 in 19 Australian men had experienced ***physical or sexual violence*** from a current or former partner

1 in 7 Australian men had experienced ***emotional abuse*** by a current or former partner

1 in 2 Australian men had experienced ***physical violence***

It is more likely for a person to experience violence from a male rather than a female perpetrator.
Over 3 times as many people experienced violence from a male.

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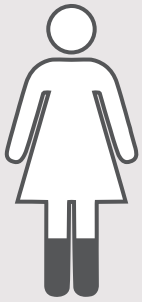

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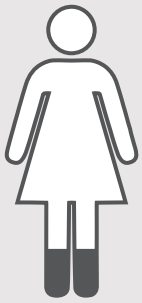

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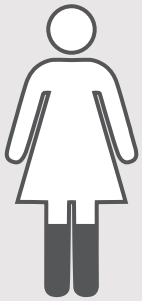

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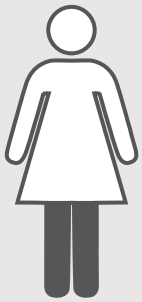

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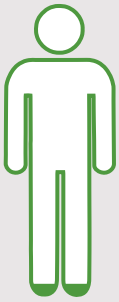

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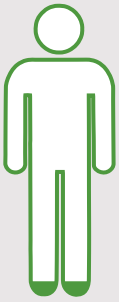

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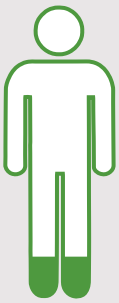

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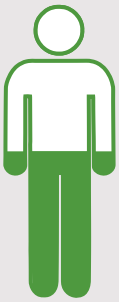

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Women's experiences of violence

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73% 73% had experienced more than one incident of violence.

61% 61% had children in their care when the violence occurred, including 48% who stated the children had seen and heard the violence.

58% 58% had never contacted the police.

24% 24% had never sought advice or support.

15% Australian women are more likely to be sexually assaulted by a person they know than a stranger. Young women are particularly vulnerable to sexual assault.

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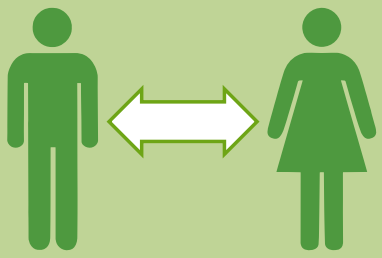

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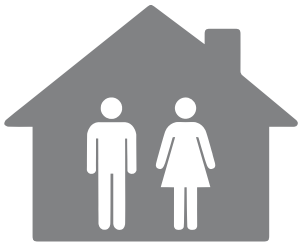

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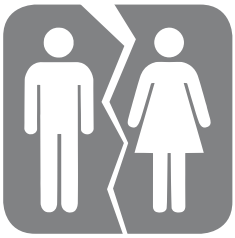

It is most common for women to experience violence from a *male ex-partner.*

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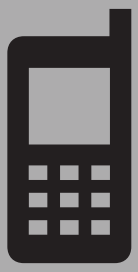

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Of all Australian women aged 18 to 24, ***23,584*** reported they had experienced sexual assault in the 12 months prior to the survey.

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Twice as many women in this 18 to 24 age bracket experience sexual assault, compared to all women.

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