

# MORE THAN A FOOTNOTE



Women with disabilities and Deaf women are the largest, poorest minority group in the world with the highest rates of physical, systemic, financial, psychological and interpersonal/family violence.



Women with disabilities and Deaf women in Canada experience rates of violence nearly 3x higher than that of non-disabled women.

Most policies and programs related to gender-based violence will name “vulnerable groups” in the preamble and then describe them in a footnote. Women with disabilities and Deaf women are referred to as people with disabilities or as a vulnerable group.



This separation has left women with disabilities and Deaf women as a footnote in the minds of policy makers and absent from programs and services.

## GAPS IN CURRENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS



Violence Against Women policies do not mention women with disabilities or Deaf women.

Accessibility policies do not address violence or women specifically.



This ungendering of women with disabilities shows how deeply rooted ableist attitudes are negatively affecting women with disabilities and Deaf women.



The result is that there are no programs, funding, or services focused specifically on women with disabilities.



Join our call to action to ensure that women with disabilities and Deaf women are more than a footnote in anti-violence strategies, policies, programs and services!

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