

WOMEN & COVID-19



Neighbours, Friends & Families



the world's population has been or is currently in lockdown due to COVID-19, and rates of intimate partner violence have soared worldwide



In Canada, **1 in 10** women are worried about the possibility of violence in the home during COVID-19



Women living with intimate partners during social isolation may experience an increased policing of their activities, loss of supports and resources, and an increased risk of severe violence



The increased use of online platforms has created more opportunities for cyber violence against women – stalking, bullying, sexual harassment and sex trolling



Many domestic violence hotlines found a decrease in calls in initial weeks of lockdowns due to women being unable to access resources or get time away from their abuser



Women disproportionately work in insecure, lower-paid, part-time employment and are less protected from economic recession during times of crisis



As unemployment, financial strains, and insecurity all escalate, violence against women and girls will also continue to rise

RESOURCES

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