

TECHNOLOGY-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Technology provides new ways to perpetuate violence against women.

Cell phones, computers and the internet can be used to control, threaten and monitor women. Technology-based violence often exists alongside other forms of abuse, including physical, sexual and emotional violence.

1 in 5

women in Canada have experienced online harassment

14%

of women aged 15-24 in Canada have experienced cyberstalking



Using someone's email identity to send false messages to others.



Checking someone's text messages without their permission.



Tracking and monitoring someone's location through their cell phone.



Using social media pages, comments or posts that target women with gender-based hate.



Threatening to or sharing private photographs or videos without someone's permission.

Studies show that 93% of women report that a cell phone helps them feel safe and connected.

Technology can help prevent and respond to violence against women. It can also increase women's access to information, supports and resources.

What can we do?



Address barriers to technology, including access to internet, digital literacy and affordability.



Co-design technology with survivors that consider the intersections between technology, violence and access to supports.



Develop clear and accessible means for reporting technology-based violence against women.