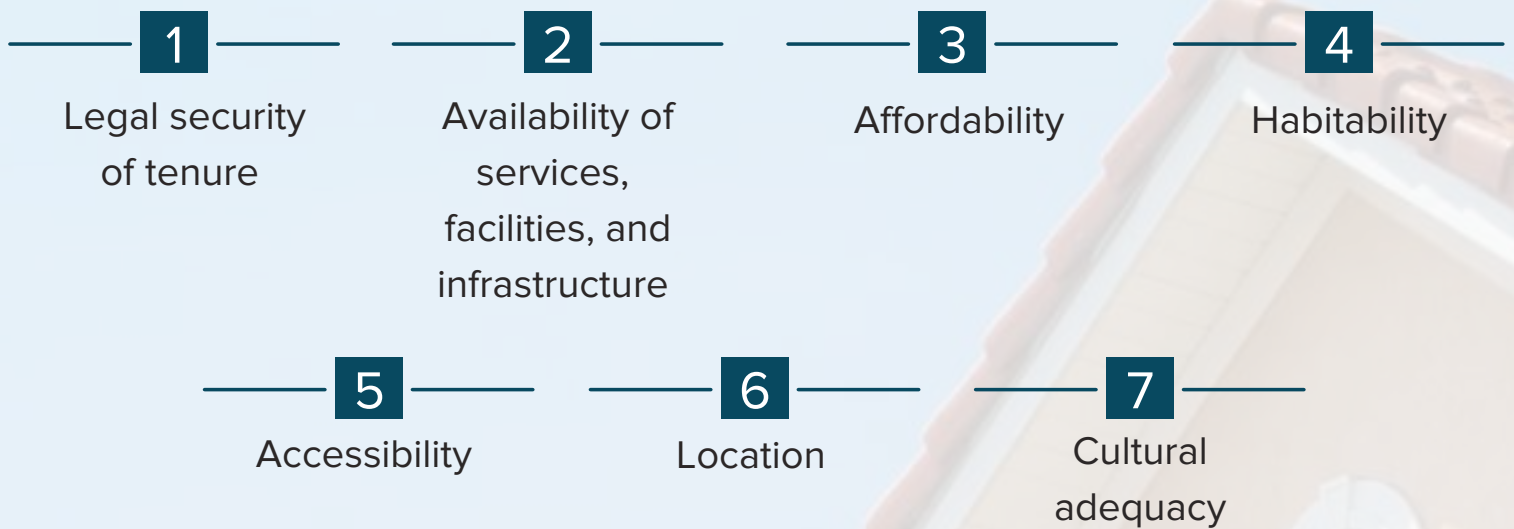


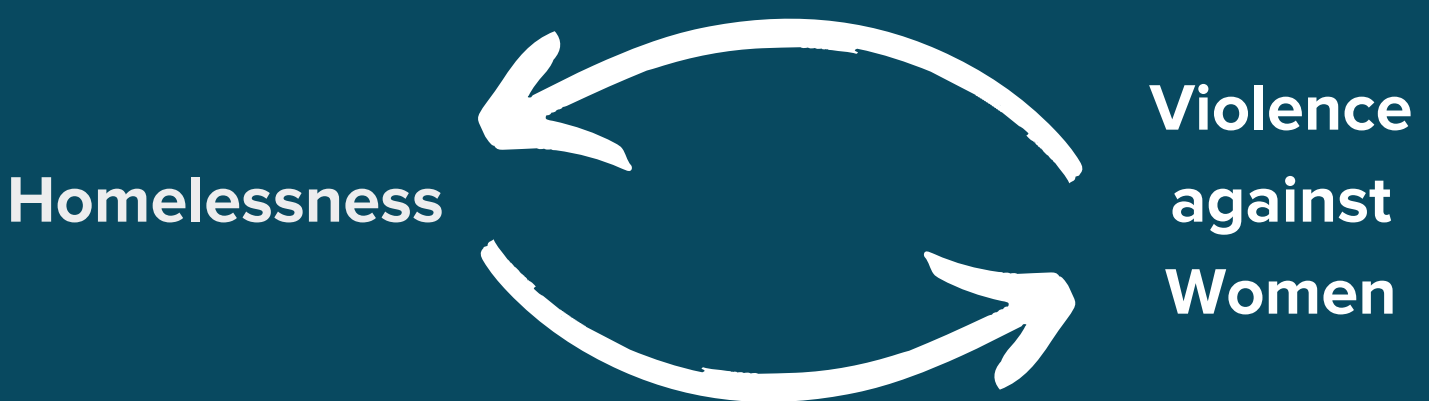
Right to Housing

And Violence against Women

Right to Housing is defined as the right to safe, affordable, and permanent housing. The United Nations Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights highlights seven key characteristics of adequate housing:



The lack of safe, affordable, and adequate housing across Canada contributes to a higher risk of violence for women, girls, and gender diverse peoples. These experiences of violence can perpetuate housing instability, creating a bidirectional relationship between homelessness and violence.



What are the biggest barriers to the right to housing for survivors of violence against women?

Affordability

Women are more likely to face financial barriers in the private housing market, leading to increased economic insecurity.

Safety

Violence or abuse in the home leading to unsafe living conditions is a violation of right to housing.

Not permanent

Women are faced with choosing between an unsafe home or a precarious housing situation – both options are forms of hidden homelessness.

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