

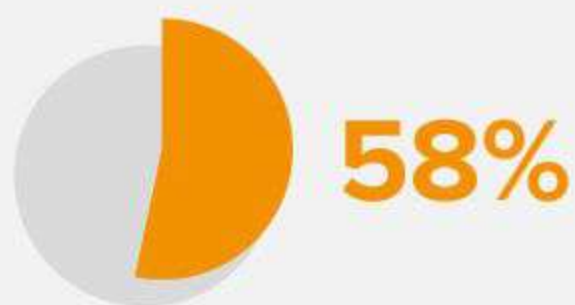
# VIOLENCE AGAINST OLDER WOMEN

Older women face disproportionate rates of violence. This includes violence from current or former partners, children, siblings, grandchildren, and caretakers.

1 in 3



1 in 3 perpetrators of violence against older people are family members.



58% of family violence cases are against older women.



Older women are 2x more likely than older men to experience violence from an intimate partner.

## Violence against older women can take on many forms including:

- Physical abuse
- Psychological or Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Financial abuse
- Neglect



The most common form of violent victimization reported by women older than 65 was **physical assault**.

40% of family violence incidences resulted in a physical injury to the older woman.



**Two-thirds** of those who experience violence in nursing and retirement homes are women.

Out of 14,156 police-reported cases of violence against older adults, **11%** were victimized in a nursing or retirement home and **66% of those were women**.

## Data Gaps

There is limited to no data on the rate of violence against older women in Francophone communities, racialized communities, Indigenous communities, rural communities, and LGBTQIA communities. More research needs to be done examining intersecting identities and experiences of violence in older age.

## Helplines:

**Seniors Safety Line:** 1-866-299-1011

**Assaulted Women's Helpline:** 1-866-863-0511 (TTY: 1-866-863-7868)

**Victim Support Line:** 1-888-579-2888

**Fem'aide:** 1-877-336-2433 (TTY: 1-866-860-7082) – for self-identified Francophone Women in Ontario

**Talk 4 Healing:** 1-855-554-HEAL (4325) – free and culturally safe telephone helpline for Indigenous women living in Ontario.

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