

# Violence Against Women with Disabilities and Deaf Women

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- Over half a billion women and girls in the world have a disability
  - More than 1 out of 6 women in Canada lives with a disability (15 years and older).
  - Most often the abusive person is a caregiver.
  - Over 75% of incidents of sexual assault of women with mental disabilities involve recurring episodes.
  - Women living with disabilities are more likely to be victims of the most severe forms of spousal violence
  - 42% of homeless women living in Toronto have a history of traumatic brain injury.
  - 1 in 10 women residing in shelters on April 16, 2008 lived with some form of disability.
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- Availability of accessible services as reported by Canadian shelters in 2008:
  - 2/3 of shelters had wheelchair-accessible bedrooms
  - 22% provided TTY/TDD equipment (i.e., specially equipped telephones) for women with hearing impairments
  - 17% provided sign language or interpretation services
  - 17% provided large print reading materials for women who are visually impaired
  - 5% provided Braille reading materials