

* **2 out of 3
women
have
experienced
sexual assault**

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If you have been sexually assaulted either recently or in the past, there is a place you can call for support or information:

It's safe, free, confidential and available 24 hours a day
Silence allows this abuse to continue... so let's talk

The Assaulted Women's Helpline (24 hours)

1-866-863-0511 (toll-free) • 1-866-863-7868 (TTY) • 416-863-0511 (Toronto)

Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centres: Go to www.sacha.on.ca/other.htm

Sexual Assault Treatment/Care Centres: Go to www.satontario.com/centres/centres.shtml/
or look in your local telephone book

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Metropolitan Action Committee on
Violence Against Women and Children
Phone 416.392.3135 or
1.877.558.5570

Fax 416.392.3136

email: info@metrac.org

www.metrac.org www.owjn.org

Call 911 or your local police immediately if you are in danger. Let's be a caring community, help STOP sexual assault.

Let the Past Embrace the Future



Canada History Intro Website,
[www.web.securenet/members/
chastie/Hisintro.html](http://www.web.securenet/members/chastie/Hisintro.html), 2000.

Status of Women Canada
(SWC) Website
[www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/whm/whm
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*Canadian Panel on Violence
Against Women, 1993,
according to the Canadian
Criminal Code

We can thank our Canadian foremothers that in:

- 1918** the right to vote was achieved
- 1929** women became persons
- 1955** married women could work for the federal government
- 1960** Aboriginal women and men are able to vote in federal elections and maintain their registered status
- 1969** birth control education became legal
- 1973** the first rape crisis centres opened
- 1973** the first women's shelters opened
- 1982** the first woman was appointed to the Supreme Court
- 1982** our constitution was amended to include equality rights for women
- 1985** the Indian Act was amended so that Aboriginal women regained their rightful status
- 1992** consent was legally defined, putting the onus on the defendant in cases of sexual assault
- 1993** the first Black woman was elected to the House of Commons
- 1996** sexual orientation was prohibited as a ground for discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act
- 1998** abuse of women in the military was made publicly known
- 1999** the first woman became a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- 1999** the Supreme Court affirmed that "no means no" and consent must be explicit and voluntary

But until...

beauty is not a job requirement
rape is no longer the victim's fault
child care is more important than roads
birth control is safe, effective and shared
the choice of abortion is safe, fully funded and
available to all women
work in the home is shared and given full value
the history books tell herstory too
lesbian is no longer a dirty word
it is safe at home, school, work, safe to date
and safe on the streets

Until... Women share equally in the rights and
responsibilities of society, I too will be part
of the Women's Movement.

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