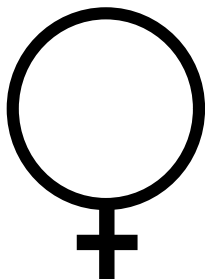


**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION  
ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
December 6, 1999**



## *Suggested activities*

*What can I do*

*to commemorate December 6?*

Established in 1991 to highlight violence against women, the ***National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women*** coincides with the anniversary of the massacre at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal during which 14 young women were tragically killed on **December 6, 1989**.

This terrible tragedy deeply touched all Canadians. Commemoration of December 6 allows us all the chance to stop and think about these 14 young women and their families as well as all women in Canada who live with violence every day or women who have lost their lives through violence.

On December 6, 1999, Status of Women Canada invites you to observe a **Minute of Silence** across the country to think about violence against women.

2:15 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time),  
3:15 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time),  
3:45 p.m. (Newfoundland Standard Time),  
1:15 p.m. (Central Standard Time),  
12:15 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time)  
11:15 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time)

For a successful event, make sure it reflects the interests and concerns of your community or organization. You could organize:

- ✓ An information kiosk on violence against women with the relevant brochures and posters such as the series of information sheets produced by Status of Women Canada for the *National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women*.
- ✓ A discussion on violence against women at a conference, round table, dinner or breakfast, or a panel discussion with guests affiliated with an organization to fight against sexual aggression, someone from a women's shelter, the police service, the Crown Attorney's Office, etc. Invite a woman who has survived abuse to talk about her experiences.
- ✓ A concert or play on the theme of violence and donate the proceeds to an organization helping women in your community.
- ✓ A vigil or silent remembrance ceremony in commemoration of women who have died as a result of deliberate acts of violence.
- ✓ A fund raising event for a local crisis centre or a shelter for abused women.

## **MORE SUGGESTIONS**

- ✓ In the classroom, ask students to work on a project about violence against women. They could write a composition, a poem, a book report, a speech, or do a research project.
- ✓ Organize a discussion around male and female stereotypes and their impact on violence.
- ✓ Set up a display of books and other documents on violence against women in the cafeteria where you work, in your school library or public library, etc.
- ✓ Run a contest of photos, drawings, sculptures or other art on the theme of “*a world without fear, a world without violence*”.
- ✓ Show a film or video on the subject, followed by a discussion. Ask a special resource-person such as a psychologist, social worker, or counselor to help with the discussion.
- ✓ Organize a discussion group on self-esteem and managing aggression with a group of men.
- ✓ Copy the series of information sheets prepared by Status of Women Canada on the *National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women* and distribute them **free of charge** to as many people as possible.
- ✓ Visit the calendar section on the Status of Women Canada Web site to find out about activities happening across the country for December 6. The site also includes links to other relevant sites including the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence ([www.hc-cf.gc.ca/nc-cn](http://www.hc-cf.gc.ca/nc-cn)).

## **VIDEO SUGGESTIONS**

That National Film Board (NFB) and Health Canada’s National Clearinghouse on Family Violence offer a selection of videos dealing with the problem of violence against women. Many of the NFB films are available through your local public library as well as a number of sales outlets across the country.

Check the NFB collection on their Web site at [www.nfb.ca/E/4/5](http://www.nfb.ca/E/4/5) (English) or [www.nfb.ca/F/4/5](http://www.nfb.ca/F/4/5) (French). You can also order videos directly from the NFB by calling their toll free number 1-800-267-7710 or (514) 283-9900 (Montreal region only).

Also consult the Web site for the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence at [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/nc-cn](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/nc-cn). For a copy of their catalogue, call 1-800-267-1291 or (613) 957-2938.

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