

Do you remember ...

The École Polytechnique Massacre, also known as the Montreal Massacre, occurred on December 6, 1989. Twenty-five-year-old Marc Lépine, armed with a legally obtained Mini-14 rifle and a hunting knife, shot twenty-eight people before killing himself. He separated the male and female students, and after claiming that he was "fighting feminism", he shot all of the women. Overall, he killed fourteen women before turning the gun on himself.

Established on December 6, 1991 by The Parliament of Canada, The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women (VAW) marks the anniversary of the massacre in 1989. This day represents an opportunity for Canadians to reflect on the phenomenon of VAW in society and to consider women and girls for whom violence is a daily reality. Also this day provides a chance for communities to consider actions to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

Who to Call



Canadian Women's Foundation	(416) 365-1444
Abrigo Centre	(416) 534-3434
Assaulted Women's Helpline Crisis Line 24hr	(416) 863-0511
Shelter Central Intake	(416) 397-5637
Planned Parenthood	(416) 927-7171
Teen Sex Info line	(416) 961-3200
Teen Clinic (Sick Kids)	(416) 813-5804
Toronto Rape Crisis Centre	(416) 395-1500
Kid's Help Phone	1-800-668-6868
The Assaulted Women's Helpline	(416) 863-0511
Youth line Crisis Line	1-800-268-9688
Toronto Shelter Intake Line	(416) 338-4766
Police Non-emergency	(416) 808-2222

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

December 6, 2012

Loretto College
High School



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In Loving Memory of



Anne-Marie
Lemay



Annie St.-
Arneault



Michèle
Richard



Sonia Pelletier



Barbara
Daigneault



Maud
Haviernick



Maryse
Leclaire



Maryse
Laganière



Geneviève
Bergeron



Barbara Maria
Klucznik



Annie
Turcotte



Anne-Marie
Edward



Nathalie
Croteau



Hélène Colgan

What is Violence against Women?

The United Nations defines violence against women as, "Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life."

- ❖ **Physical abuse:** Slapping, choking, or punching her. Using hands or objects as weapons. Threatening her with a knife or gun. Committing murder.
- ❖ **Sexual abuse:** Using threats, intimidation, or physical force to force her into unwanted sexual acts.
- ❖ **Emotional or verbal abuse:** Making degrading comments about her body or behaviour. Forcing her to commit degrading acts. Confining her to the house. Destroying her possessions. Threatening to kill her or the children. Threatening to commit suicide.
- ❖ **Financial abuse:** Stealing or controlling her money or valuables (of particular concern to older women). Forcing her to work. Denying her the right to work.
- ❖ **Spiritual abuse:** Using her religious or spiritual beliefs to manipulate, dominate, and control her.
- ❖ **Criminal harassment/stalking:** Following her or watching her in a persistent, malicious, and unwanted manner. Invading her privacy in a way that threatens her personal safety.

STATISTICS

- On average, every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner. In 2009, 67 women were murdered by a current or former spouse or boyfriend.
- On any given day in Canada, more than 3,000 women (along with their 2,500 children) are living in an emergency shelter to escape domestic violence.
- Half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16.
- About 80% of sex trafficking victims in Canada are women and girls.
- The cost of violence against women in Canada for health care, criminal justice, social services, and lost wages and productivity has been calculated at \$4.2 billion per year.
- More than one in ten Canadian women say they have been stalked by someone in a way that made them fear for their life.
- In just one year in Canada, 427,000 women over the age of 15 reported they had been sexually assaulted. Since only about 10% of all sexual assaults are reported to the police, the actual number is much higher.