

# Fact sheet

## Sexualized violence in our community

- Sexualized violence is any act of a sexual nature that is unwanted/non-consensual (*Criminal Code of Canada*).
- One in four North American women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime (*Statistics Canada, 2016*).
- Over 80 per cent of sex crime victims are women (*Statistics Canada, 2016*).
- In the 2009 cycle of the GSS, 677,000 Canadians aged 15 and over reported being victims of sexual assault in the preceding 12 months (*GSS, 2009*).
- From 2005-2014, 94 per cent of victims in HRP/RCMP sexual assault cases over the age of 16 were female, 6 per cent were male and 0.16 per cent were trans (*SANE Evaluation Report, 2016*).
- One in two transgender individuals are sexually abused or assaulted at some point in their lives (*Office for Victims of Crime, 2014*).
- Nova Scotia has an above average rate of sexual assault victimization in Canada (per capita) (*Statistics Canada, 2015*).
- Nova Scotia's rate of police-reported sexual offences is higher than the national average (*SWC, 2015*).
- Only 6 per cent of Canadians who have experienced sexualized violence have reported it to the police (*Statistics Canada, 2016*).