

## STATISTICS ON WOMAN ABUSE IN TEENAGE RELATIONSHIPS

- At least 73% of high school students in both Toronto and London reported either themselves, or someone they knew, had been in an abusive dating relationship.
- ½ of high school students surveyed in Toronto had been involved in a date rape or know someone who had.
- 1 in 9 high school girls surveyed in Toronto reported physical abuse.
- 1 in 5 high school girls surveyed in Toronto reported sexual abuse.
- In Canada 49% of female rape victims are under the age of 17.
- 57% of rapes happen while on a date.
- One study on teens and sexual assault found that:
  - 30% had been raped by a friend
  - 11% had been raped by a boyfriend
  - 78% did not tell their parents
  - 71% confided in one or more of their teenage friends - not someone experienced in helping

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*London Abused Women's Centre (2002),  
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(1990, July), Violence Prevention Newsletter*