

The fourth government action plan on domestic violence was developed following a consultation process that brought together close to 150 organizations in various fields.

PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (Direction de l'indemnisation des victimes d'actes criminels)
- Commission québécoise des libérations conditionnelles
- Conseil du statut de la femme
- Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions
- École nationale de police du Québec
- Ministère de la Famille
- Institut national de santé publique du Québec
- Institut de la statistique du Québec
- Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation
- Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur
- Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion
- Ministère de la Justice (including the Bureau de lutte contre l'homophobie)
- Ministère de la Sécurité publique
- Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (including the Secrétariat aux aînés)
- Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale
- Office des personnes handicapées du Québec
- Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones (Ministère du Conseil exécutif)
- Secrétariat à la jeunesse (Ministère du Conseil exécutif)
- Secrétariat à la condition féminine
- Société d'habitation du Québec

The 2018-2023 Government Action Plan on Domestic Violence can be found on the website of the Secrétariat à la condition féminine.

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Summary

2018-2023

GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



**LET'S ACT
AGAINST
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

Québec 

Taking action against domestic violence

More than \$600M over five years

New investments of \$86M to implement 56 actions, including: support for women's shelters and community organizations [\$57M]

Investments of \$520M for recurrent actions, including: a free, confidential helpline [\$3.7M over five years] and the network of shelters for female victims of domestic violence [\$390M over five years]

FOCUS 1

PREVENTION, AWARENESS AND INFORMATION

15 new actions (\$13.7M), including:

- Support initiatives to raise awareness about domestic violence and about violence against women
- Support projects designed for and by young people to raise awareness about violence in intimate relationships
- Support initiatives in the workplace that aim to prevent and counter domestic violence
- Produce prevention and awareness-raising tools for victims of domestic violence that focus on safety issues arising from the use of the geolocation functions of mobile technologies and social media
- Support activities designed to raise awareness among men and boys about violence between intimate partners

FOCUS 2

DETECTION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTION

16 new actions (\$47.7M), including:

- Provide financial support to enable emergency shelters to adapt their services to the realities of people living in vulnerable circumstances
- Strengthen the network of second-stage shelters for female victims of domestic violence in situations of post-separation by supporting social housing
- Provide financial support to enable organizations for spouses with violent behaviour to adapt their services to the realities of their clientele

Domestic violence is characterized by a series of repetitive acts, usually of increasing frequency and intensity. It includes psychological, verbal, physical and sexual abuse as well as acts of financial domination. It is not the result of a loss of control, but is rather a means chosen to dominate another person and assert one's power over that person. Domestic violence can be experienced in a marital, extra-marital or intimate relationship, and at any age.¹

FOCUS 3

POLICE, JUDICIAL AND CORRECTIONAL INTERVENTION

11 new actions (\$21.7M), including:

- Promote priority treatment of domestic violence cases by the judicial system
- Adopt a program to facilitate a meeting between the criminal and penal prosecuting attorney and the victim of domestic violence
- Introduce, in some regions of Québec, an assessment service at the temporary release stage for spouses who exhibit violent behaviour

FOCUS 4

SHARING OF EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

14 new actions (\$2.8M), including:

- Set up a partners' forum on domestic violence
- Establish collaboration mechanisms to promote concerted interventions for children exposed to domestic violence and for their family
- Support better quantitative knowledge of the phenomenon of violence between intimate partners

Domestic violence in Québec:²

- In 2015, offences against the person committed in a domestic context represented nearly one third of all crimes against the person in Québec.
- 78% of victims are women.
- In almost 50% of cases, the alleged perpetrators are spouses, 32.6% are ex-spouses and 10.3% are close friends.
- Young people aged 18 to 29 show much higher rates of victimization than other age groups.

¹ Gouvernement du Québec, *Preventing, Detecting, Ending*, 2012-2017 Action Plan on Domestic Violence, 2012, 1, www.scf.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/Documents/Violences/Plan_d_action_2012-2017_version_anglaise.pdf.

² Gouvernement du Québec, *Statistiques 2015 sur les infractions contre la personne commises dans un contexte conjugal au Québec*, 2017, www.securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca/police/publications-et-statistiques/statistiques/violence-conjugale/2015/en-ligne.html.