



Prevention



How do we stop violence before it starts?

social

institutional

cultural

By transforming the **norms** and narratives that support VAW and GBV and by negatively sanctioning VAW and GBV at personal, interpersonal, community, and societal levels.

To reduce and prevent VAW and GBV, we must address harmful norms around masculinities across populations, institutions, and systems.

VAW = violence against women

GBV = gender-based violence

For example, state and institutional actors (e.g.: law enforcement, health care, education, armed forces) require better training on VAW and GBV to both prevent violence and overhaul institutions.

We recommend **45 immediate, short, medium, and long-term policy actions** for federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal governments that will improve:

- ★ Violence prevention education and strategies
- ★ Engagement with men and boys on VAW and GBV
- ★ Healthcare and mental health services for youth
- ★ Housing and financial supports for youth
- ★ Supports for and de-stigmatization of sex work and 2SLGBTQIA+ people
- ★ Data collection on VAW and GBV
- ★ Stability of the feminist movement

Prevention is key to creating and maintaining a Canada free of gender-based violence through the NAP.

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on Violence Against Women and Gender-Based Violence

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