

Sexual Assault (People with Disabilities)

- 83% of women with disabilities experience sexual assault in their lifetime (Stimpson & Best, 1991)¹
- 32% of men with developmental disabilities experience sexual assault (WCASA 2003) (American)²
- 90% of women with developmental disabilities experience sexual assault in their lifetime (Valenti-Hein & Schwartz, 1995)³
- In Canada, the rate of sexual abuse of girls with developmental disabilities is four times that of the national average (Razack, 1994)⁴
- 3% of sexual abuse cases involving people with developmental disabilities is reported⁵ (American)
- Persons with disabilities who are in institutions are two to four times more likely to experience sexual abuse than people with disabilities who live in the community.⁶
- Almost half of perpetrators of abuse against persons with disabilities contacted their victims through services related to the survivor's disability.⁷

¹ Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children. "Statistics Sheet: Sexual Assault". Accessed on January 27, 2009 from http://www.metrac.org/programs/info/prevent/stat_sex.htm.

² Duke, Jessica E.A. (2006). "Summary of Literature on Sexual Violence Against People with Disabilities", 2. Oregon Public Health Division, Office of Family Health. Retrieved on January 27, 2009 from <http://www.oregonsatf.org/prevention/docs/DD%20Literature%20Summary.pdf>.

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⁶ Sobsey, D. & S. Mansnell (1992). *The Prevention of Sexual Abuse of People with Disabilities*, Network, 2(3), 8-17.

⁷ Sobsey, D (1994), *Violence and Abuse in the Lives of People with Disabilities: The End of Silent Acceptance?* Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes.