

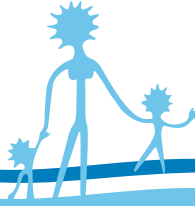
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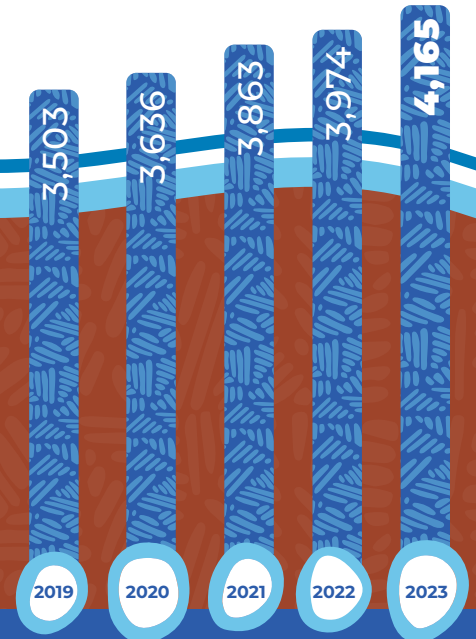
AGAINST ABORIGINAL WOMEN

THE FACTS



Violence against Aboriginal women is growing in Victoria

Aboriginal women are **6.6 x more likely** to experience family violence than non-indigenous people⁽¹⁾



REPORTS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE ARE INCREASING⁽¹⁾

IS SERIOUS

Aboriginal women are

5 x more likely

to be **victims of homicide**⁽²⁾

35 times more likely to be **hospitalized**⁽²⁾

And **nearly ten times more likely** to **die due to assault** as non-Aboriginal females⁽³⁾

IS MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE COMMUNITY

41% of survey respondents believed family violence is committed equally by men and women (it isn't)⁽⁴⁾

58% of family violence orders are said to list the victim as the perpetrator incorrectly as perpetrators can often act cool and calm by the time police arrive while women are distressed.⁽⁵⁾

Community attitudes that blame victims compound the trauma of the incidence. Victims said the lack of support felt 'more hurtful than the wound of the crime itself.'⁽⁶⁾

This is why a culturally safe organization that focuses on self-determination is so important. EMH is here to advocate for and empower you. Our women have overcome so many hurdles and continue to inspire us everyday.

References:

¹ Victorian Crime Statistics, ² AIHW, ³ Hegarty et al 2022, ⁴ ANROWS 2023, ⁵ Reeves 2022, ⁶ Herman 2023

IS LIFELONG

VIOLENCE

is psychological, physical and sexual

83%

of victims say the perpetrator blamed them for the violence⁽³⁾

35%

of Aboriginal women had experienced a lifetime of abuse including child abuse, sexual abuse and intimate partner violence.⁽³⁾

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