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**CLUB OF
OTTAWA, CANADA**

**16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM
AGAINST GENDER-BASED
VIOLENCE**

ON ANY GIVEN DAY IN CANADA, MORE THAN 3,000
WOMEN, ALONG WITH THEIR 2,500 CHILDREN, ARE
LIVING IN AN EMERGENCY SHELTER TO ESCAPE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.



DID YOU KNOW:

CLIMATE CHANGE IS A RISK FACTOR
FOR GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.

- IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 80% OF CLIMATE REFUGEES ARE WOMEN.
- IN EMERGENCY CAMPS, WOMEN ARE AT A GREATER RISK OF EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE WHILE THEY SLEEP, WASH, OR DRESS.



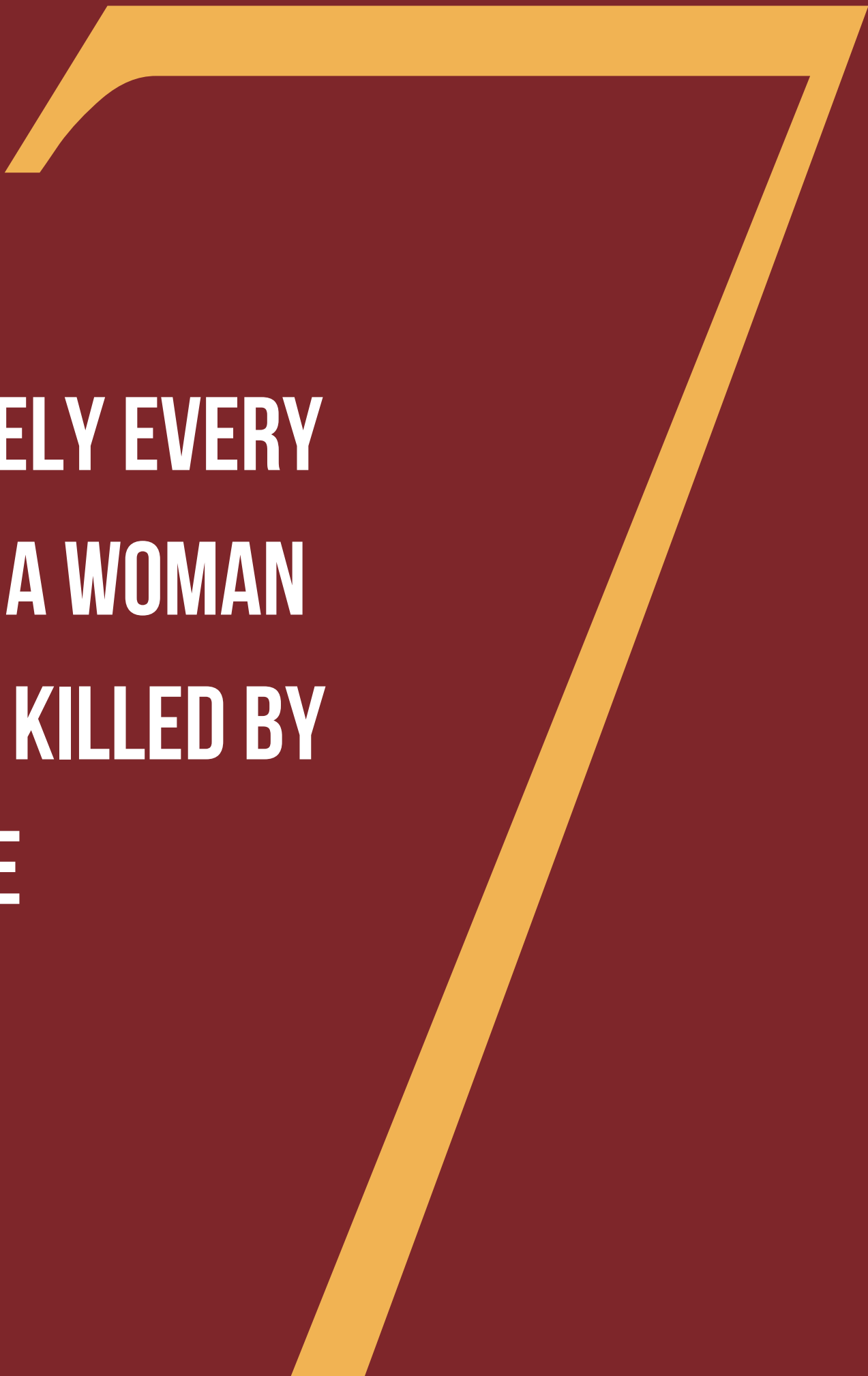
**THE SCARCITY OF DRINKING WATER CAUSED BY CLIMATE
CHANGE FORCES WOMEN AND GIRLS TO SEARCH
FARTHER FROM THEIR COMMUNITIES FOR
WATER.**



**WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE OFTEN THE
MAIN TARGET OF CRIMINAL GROUPS IN
REMOTE AREAS, AND THEIR
VULNERABLE STATE INCREASES THE
RISK OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.**

**BETWEEN 2016 AND 2019, OVER 1698
ACTS OF VIOLENCE WERE RECORDED
AGAINST WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS
DEFENDERS.**



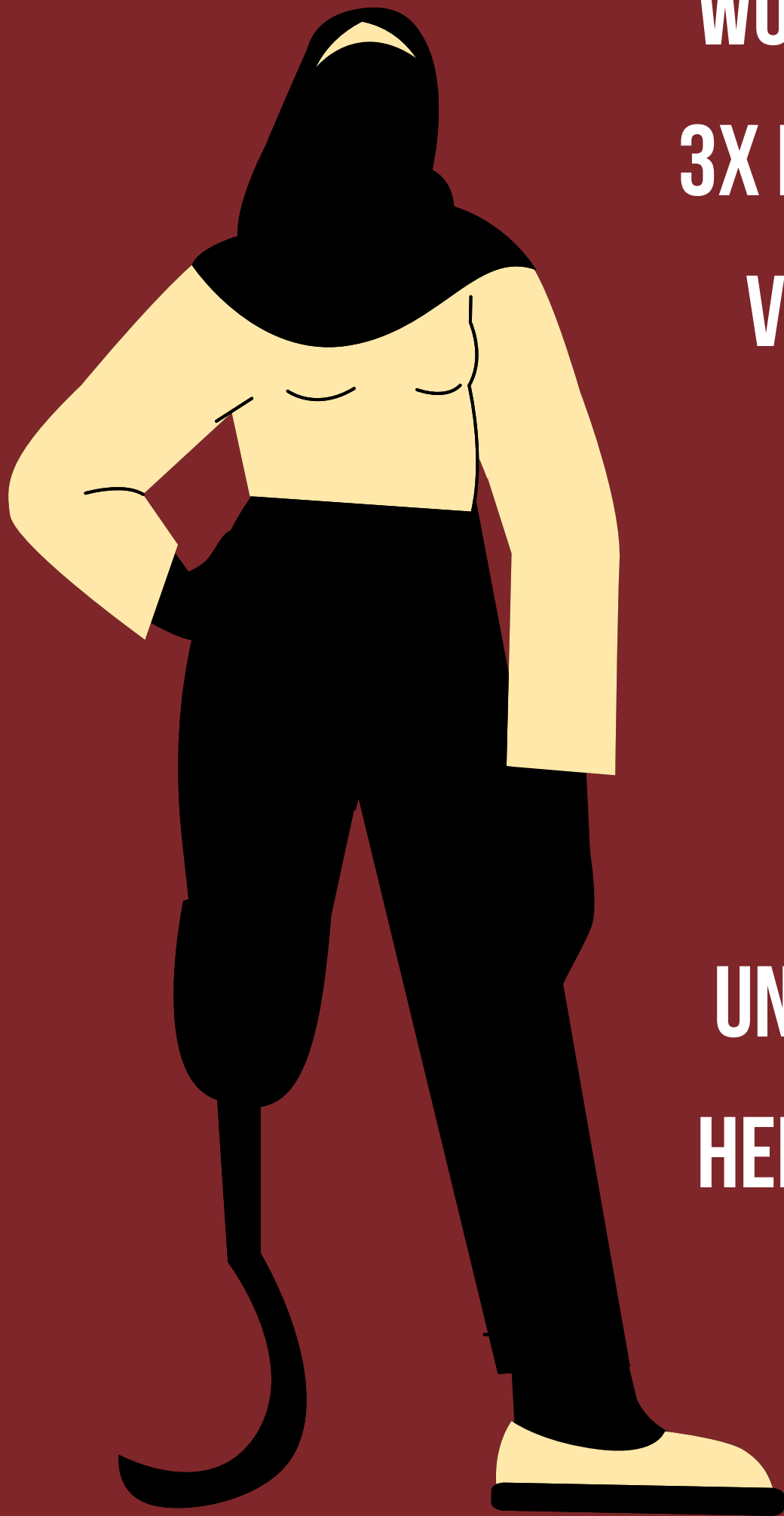


**APPROXIMATELY EVERY
SEVEN DAYS, A WOMAN
IN CANADA IS KILLED BY
HER INTIMATE
PARTNER.**



**IN CANADA IN 2019,
107,810 PEOPLE AGED 15
AND OVER REPORTED
INTIMATE PARTNER
VIOLENCE.**

79% WERE WOMEN.



**WOMEN WITH A DISABILITY ARE
3X MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE
VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION THAN
WOMEN LIVING WITHOUT A
DISABILITY.**

**THEY MAY ALSO EXPERIENCE
UNIQUE OBSTACLES TO GETTING
HELP DUE TO MOBILITY AND/ OR
COMMUNICATION ISSUES.**

**THE COST OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN
CANADA EACH YEAR HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT:**

\$7.4 BILLION

**THIS INCLUDES THE COSTS OF HEALTH CARE,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND
LOST WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY.**

**EACH YEAR IN CANADA, AN AVERAGE OF
800,000 CHILDREN WITNESS A
WOMAN BEING ABUSED.**




**NOT ONLY ARE THESE CHILDREN
AT RISK OF BEING INJURED, BUT
WITNESSING DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HAS MANY PROVEN
LONG-TERM EFFECTS.**

WHY DO WOMEN STAY IN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS?

WOMEN OFTEN STAY BECAUSE THE ABUSER THREATENED TO KILL THEM, KILL THEMSELF, AND/OR KILL THE CHILDREN OR PETS IF THEY LEAVE.



THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME FOR AN ABUSED WOMAN IS WHEN SHE ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE HER ABUSER.



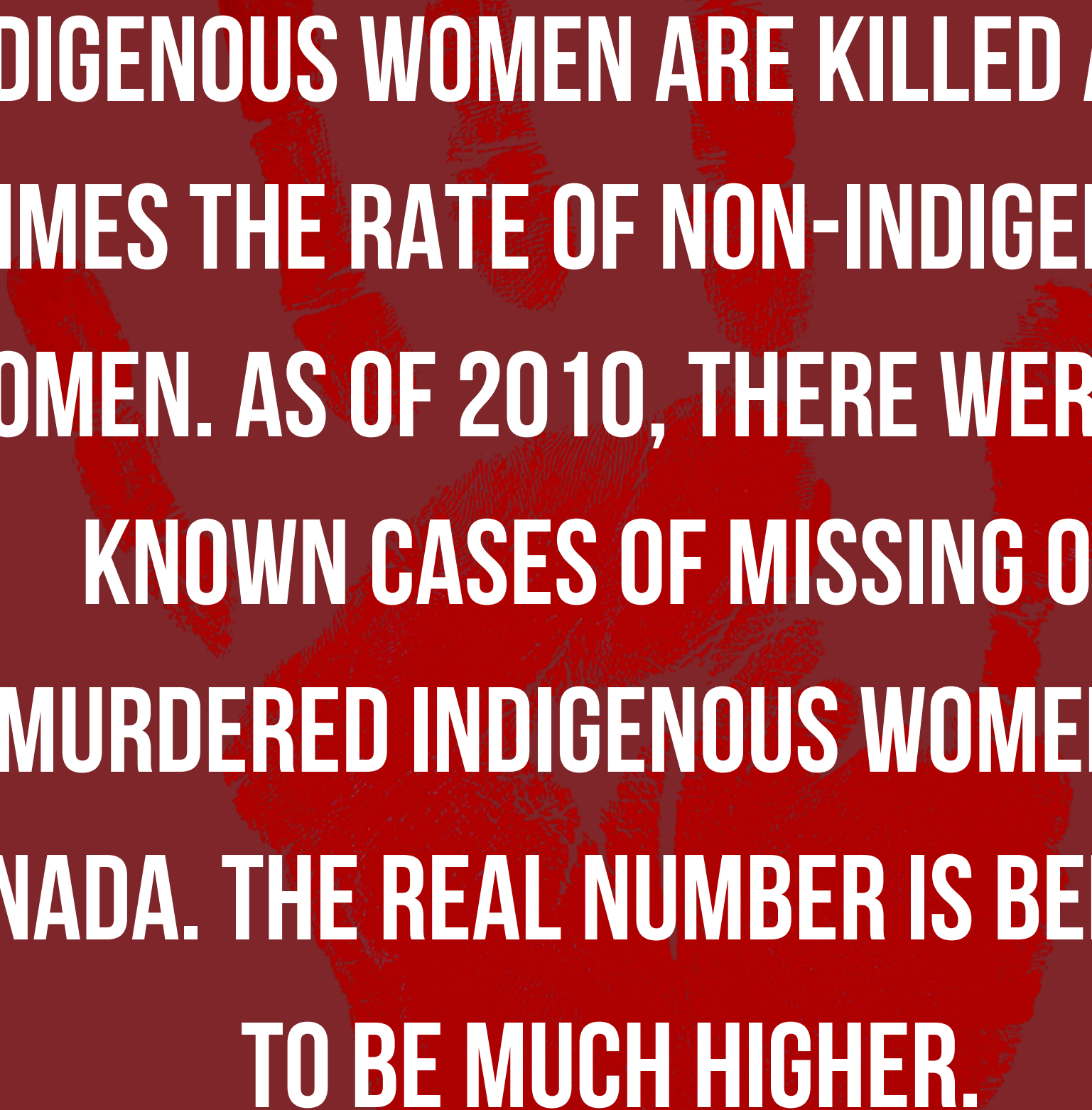
**ABOUT 25% OF ALL WOMEN WHO ARE
MURDERED BY THEIR SPOUSE HAD LEFT THE
RELATIONSHIP.**

**IN ONE STUDY, HALF OF THE MURDERED
WOMEN WERE KILLED WITHIN TWO MONTHS
OF LEAVING THE RELATIONSHIP.**

**CYBER VIOLENCE HAS EMERGED AS AN
EXTENSION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**

**YOUNG WOMEN (AGED 18-24) ARE MOST LIKELY TO
EXPERIENCE ONLINE HARASSMENT
IN ITS MOST SEVERE FORMS,
INCLUDING STALKING, SEXUAL
HARASSMENT, AND
PHYSICAL THREATS.**





**INDIGENOUS WOMEN ARE KILLED AT SIX
TIMES THE RATE OF NON-INDIGENOUS
WOMEN. AS OF 2010, THERE WERE 582
KNOWN CASES OF MISSING OR
MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN
CANADA. THE REAL NUMBER IS BELIEVED
TO BE MUCH HIGHER.**

IN A STUDY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WORK LIFE:

53%

OF RESPONDENTS SAID THAT ABUSE HAD HAPPENED AT OR NEAR THEIR WORKPLACE.

40%

OF THOSE WHO HAD EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC ABUSE SAID IT MADE IT HARD TO GET TO WORK.

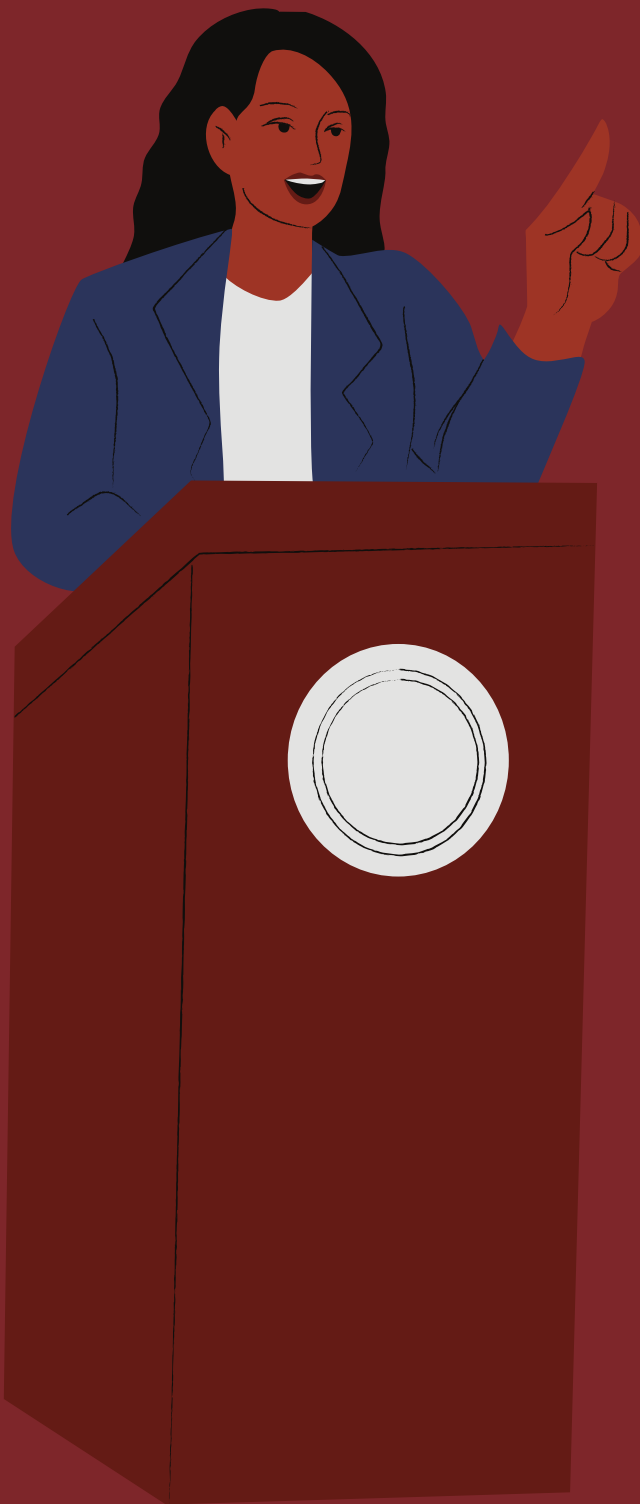
8.5%

OF RESPONDENTS SAID THEY LOST THEIR JOB BECAUSE OF IT.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCREASES DURING
TIMES OF CRISIS, AND NATIONAL GENDER-
BASED VIOLENCE RATES INCREASE
FOLLOWING NATURAL DISASTERS LIKE
FLOODS, WILDFIRES, AND HURRICANES.**



5 WAYS THAT LEADERS CAN HELP PREVENT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



1. CREATE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, SAFE HOUSING
2. ENABLE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE
3. ENSURE THE LEGAL SYSTEM HOLDS
PERPETRATORS ACCOUNTABLE
4. ENACT IMMIGRATION POLICIES THAT PROTECT
RATHER THAN PUNISH WOMEN WITHOUT STATUS
FLEEING ABUSE
5. TEACH BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS THAT GIRLS ARE
OF EQUAL VALUE