



16 Days of Activism – 25 November to 10 December 2016

## **DAY 8. 2 DECEMBER 2016**

### **WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES**

\* Women and girls with disabilities make up 20% of the Australian population, but are 40% more likely to be the victims of domestic violence than women without disabilities.

\* More than 70% of women with disabilities have been victims of violent sexual encounters at some time in their lives.

\* The rate of sexual victimisation of these women is 4 – 10 times higher than for other women.

\* 67% of women reported experiencing harassment during mental health hospitalisation.

\* 90% of women with an intellectual disability have been subjected to sexual abuse, with more than 68% of these being abused before they were 18 years old.

\* Crimes of violence against women with a disability are grossly under-reported and when they are reported, they are inadequately investigated, remain unsolved or result in minimal sentences.

\* Women and young women with a disability can also be subjected to specific forms of abuse related to their impairment- controlling access to medication ; mobility; threats to withdraw care or to institutionalise; forced sterilisation; terminating pregnancies; abuse of Power of Attorney; forced institutionalisation; withholding medications; forced marriage; sexual slavery.

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EovgP4YXjL8&feature-youtu.be>

#### HELPLINES:

Police call 000 ( triple 0) if you feel you are in danger right now

Women's Legal Service - Brisbane (07) 3392 0644  
- Regional 1800 677 278



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# ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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Queensland Government information, resource and referral service on disability issues :	13 QGOV	13 74 68
Sexual Assault		1800 010 120
Lifeline		13 11 14
Beyone Blue Support Service ( 24 hours a day)		1300 224 636



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