

**La Semaine nationale de sensibilisation aux
victimes d'actes criminels du 19 au 25 avril 2015**

« Façonner l'avenir ensemble »



National Victims of Crime awareness Week

April 19th to the 25th, 2015

“ Shaping the future together ”

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What is hurtful ? Who are the victims ?

Actions:

**Kicking/ Slapping
Being sexually
assaulted/yelled at
Damage to property
Injury to pets**

Words:

**False stories
Critiques
Jealousy
Scare tactics
Blaming or threatening
Rumours**

Who are the crime victims ?

- ◆ **Victims can be of any age and of any social status**
- ◆ **A child whose bicycle has been stolen near the playground**
- ◆ **Someone whose identity or credit-debit cards were stolen**
- ◆ **A person injured or killed by a partner or an impaired driver**
- ◆ **A Senior who is being threatened, attacked, hit, criticized, blamed, etc**
- ◆ **Someone whose property was damaged (car, mailbox, lawn)**
- ◆ **A person bullied by an employer, a neighbour, members of a volunteer committee, a hockey coach, etc**
- ◆ **Someone who has been scammed or frauded by phone, computer, mail**

+++ Witnessing the victim's suffering, the family, friends, neighbours and /or co-workers can also feel victimized +++

It hurts to be a victim....

The harm done to a victim of crime, whether emotional or physical, can have a serious impact on their lives and on the lives of the persons close to them. It can change the persons life, it can have tragic consequences

- **Fear, anger, anxiety, shame, guilt, solitude**
- **Relations with friends, family, co-workers and teammates become tense**
- **Flashbacks of the event may haunt the victim and cause difficulty to concentrate at work, at school, etc**
- **Victims may experience problems sleeping, loss of appetite and weight, have bad headaches, and even ponder suicide**

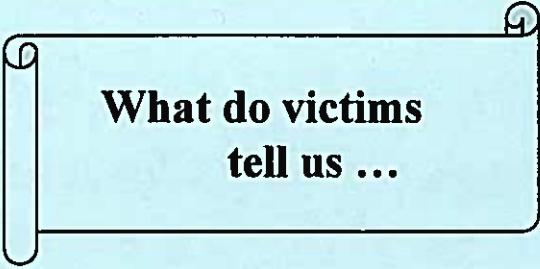
Shaping the future together ?

I seek information on how to recognize a victim

I take time to listen to the victim

I support the persons and assure them of my confidentiality

I encourage the victims to go for help so they can find a better quality of life



**What do victims
tell us ...**

- ◆ **I am afraid that things will get worse if I speak about this**
- ◆ **People won't believe me if I tell them**
- ◆ **It must be my fault**
- ◆ **I deserve what is happening to me**
- ◆ **I am not an important person**
- ◆ **Victimization happens to people who cannot defend themselves, and I am one of those persons**
- ◆ **I have been a victim since my childhood: in my family, at school, at play I was ridiculed. Others said I was no good at sports, in math, at drawing, at running, etc**
- ◆ **Now adult, I am like that, I cannot do anything to change my situation. I just have to live with it, continue to be a victim, that is my life...**

❖ **Together we can help you “ Live a better life ! ”**

Check the next page, HELP is available! Your life can change !

**Brisons le silence, pour un futur meilleur...
Break the silence for a better future...**

- PEI Victim « Services » aux victimes Charlottetown 1-902-368-4852
Summerside 1-902-888-8218

- Prévention de la violence familiale-Family Violence Prevention
 - Maison Anderson House 1-800-240-9894
 - Outreach West Prince 1-902-859-8849
 - East Prince 1-902-436-0517
 - Kings 1-902-838-0795
 - Queens 1-902-566-1480

- Ligne Aide IPÉ - Island Help Line 1-800-218-2885

- Ligne Info jeunesse-Youth Help Line 1-800-668-6868

- Ligne Parents help-line 1-800-603-9100

- Protection des adults/Adult protection
 - O'Leary 859-8730 S'Side 888-8400 Souris 687-7096
 - Ch'town 368-4790 Montague 838-0789

- ❖ Check Phone Directory for RCMP / Municipal Police in your area

Information en français et bilingue disponible au bureau du Groupe consultatif communautaire Évangéline (GCCÉ-ECCG) : 902-854-2699 ou 902-439-1147