



## December 6: Ending violence against women

December 2, 2011

December 6 marks the anniversary of the Montréal massacre of 14 young women at the École Polytechnique.

Violence against women continues to be a serious issue in Canada:

• An estimated 60% of Canadian women have suffered from physical or psychological violence at some time in their lives.

• In 2007, nearly 40,200 incidents of spousal violence were reported to police. This represents 12% of all police-reported violent crime in Canada.

• Between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, approximately 101,000 women and children were admitted to 569 shelters in Canada.

As health science and community social service professionals, many of us see the effects of violence against women every day.

We are the sonographers, X-ray, MRI and CT techs taking medical images of ruptured organs and broken bones.

We are the social workers counselling the women as they are admitted in the emergency room.

We are the rehabilitation therapists working with the women as they recover from their injuries.

We are the community workers who see women struggling to hold their families together as they try to cope with the violence in their homes.

And we are the transition house workers who help give shelter, counselling, and comfort to women and children as they flee dangerous domestic situations.

Anne Davis, Chair of HSAs new Womens Committee, is asking for your help in raising awareness of December 6 at your facility. -Occupational Health & Safety Stewards across BC will be distributing December 6 awareness stickers," she said. -Please watch for a postcard display & poster on the union bulletin board at your facility."

Davis also encourages members to take part in vigils and ceremonies to reaffirm our commitment to ending violence against women.

If you know of an event in your community that is not listed below, please contact Yukie Kurahashi at [ykurahashi@hsabc.org](mailto:ykurahashi@hsabc.org). Check HSAs website at [www.hsabc.org](http://www.hsabc.org) for updates to this schedule of events.

### December 3, 2011

**Event:** Annual "Shoe Memorial" of empty womens shoes; a card inside each one provides information about a woman who has died as a result of male violence against women

**Place:** Plaza in front of Comox Valley Art Gallery, Comox

**Time:** 10am-4pm

### December 6, 2011

**Event:** BC Federation of Labour Womens Breakfast

**Place:** Burnaby Firefighters Club, 6515 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby

**Time:** 7:30am-9am

**Info:** 604.430.1421

**Event:** Candlelight vigil

**Place:** Lawn of Courtenay Court House

**Time:** 7pm

**Event:** Candlelight vigil

**Place:** Grounds of BC Legislature, Victoria

**Time:** 5pm-6pm

*Please bring: donation item to local womens organizations*

**Event:** Candlelight vigil

**Place:** Holland Park, Surrey

**Time:** 6:30-8pm

*Please bring: donation item for local womens organizations*

**Event:** Candlelight vigil

**Place:** Centre for Excellent, OUC Penticton Campus, Penticton

**Time:** 3pm-8pm

*Please bring: winter clothing, toiletry items, childrens games*

**Event:** Shoe Memorial

**Place:** St. Andrew on the Square, 159 Seymour Street, Kamloops

**Time:** 10am-2pm

**Event:** Candlelight Walk

**Place:** Springvalley Elementary to Mindy Tran Memorial

**Time:** 6:30pm-8pm

**Event:** Self-defence workshop

**Place:** Sundance Martial Arts, 2905A 43rd Ave, Vernon

**Time:** 5pm

**Event:** Candlelight vigil

**Place:** CAW Union Hall, 326 12th Street, New Westminster

**Time:** 7pm

**Event:** Public education & outreach by Women Against Violence Against Women

**Place:** North side of Vancouver Art Gallery facing Georgia Street

**Time:** 11am-1pm

**Event:** Honouring ceremony for Metis women

**Place:** Aboriginal Friendship Centre, 1607 East Hastings Street, Vancouver

**Time:** 2pm-5pm

**Event:** Commemoration, presentations from violence prevention programs, & open floor discussion

**Place:** Trail United Church Hall

**Time:** 5:30pm

## **December 8, 2011**

**Event:** Breakfast to Celebrate Activism Against Gender Violence

**Place:** Segal School of Business, 500 Granville

**Time:** 7am to 9am

**Info:** 778.782.3593 to buy tickets

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