

# **'FREEDOM FROM ASSAULT IS EVERY PERSON'S RIGHT'**

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*Support Services for Assaulted Women (S.S.A.W.)*

**A CONSULTING AGENCY & ADVOCACY GROUP**

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## WHAT IS

### *Support Services For Assaulted Women* (S.S.A.W.)

A non-profit organization working to help assaulted women throughout Ontario.



## WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF

### *Support Services For Assaulted Women* (S.S.A.W.)

S.S.A.W. aims to increase public and professional awareness and understanding of wife assault by:

- publishing educational material
- training a speakers bureau
- providing in-service seminars in hospitals and other places where assaulted women seek help
- increasing the number of support groups, crisis counsellors and legal services for assaulted women
- providing consultation and networking among those working in the field
- stimulating research reflecting the victims' perspectives and needs
- lobbying for legislative changes

### *Freedom From Assault Is Every Person's Basic Right*

The law must be used to affirm that wife assault is a crime.



The law must provide protection for victims of wife assault.

## **FACTS ABOUT WIFE ASSAULT IN CANADA**

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- Wife assault is widespread in Canada, with recent estimates at 10% of the population.
- Wife assault was accepted practice for so long in western culture that Canadian law tended to regulate it, rather than outlaw it.
- Wife assault occurs in all classes of Canadians, and in couples of all racial and ethnic backgrounds.
- Battering is rarely a one-time occurrence.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ASSAULTED WOMEN BELIEVES:**

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- Freedom from assault is every person's basic right.
- Wife beating is assault, not interaction gone wrong.
- It's violence against women, not family violence.
- It's not a sickness, it's a crime.
- Men beat their wives because they're permitted to.
- Wife beating should no longer be a woman's private dilemma.

## **What can YOU do to help stop WIFE ASSAULT?**

1. Urge your elected representatives to see that:
  - WIFE ASSAULT VICTIMS ARE GIVEN THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE LAW
  - ADEQUATE FUNDING IS PROVIDED TO TRANSITION HOUSES AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES NEEDED BY VICTIMS OF WIFE ASSAULT
2. Join **SUPPORT SERVICE FOR ASSAULTED WOMEN** in its task of helping assaulted women. (Membership/Donation form on reverse side of this brochure.)
3. Support local groups in your area to establish and maintain transition houses for assaulted women and their children.

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**YES, I WANT TO HELP PREVENT WIFE ASSAULT**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

(street)

(apt. #)

(Tel.)

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(city or postal div.)

(postal code)

where  
appropriate

I am interested in learning more about wife assault. Send me your publications list.

I would like to help SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ASSAULTED WOMEN by becoming a volunteer.

I would like to help SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ASSAULTED WOMEN by donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to become an Associate Member of S.S.A.W.-Individual or organization-\$25.

I would like to be contacted to discuss becoming a full member of S.S.A.W.

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