

WOMEN & DISABILITY

GLOBALLY



GLOBAL LITERACY

rates for women with disabilities may be as low as

1%¹

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

experience a wide range of violence (emotional, physical and sexual abuse) by personal attendants and by health care providers, as well as higher rates of emotional abuse by strangers and other family members than non-disabled women.³

DISABLED WOMEN

generally have a disposable income

BELOW

60%

of the median income for the country in which they live.²

IN AUSTRALIA

WOMEN WITH A DISABILITY ARE

37.3%

more likely than women without disability to experience some form of

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE.⁴

Only **FOUR IN TEN**


AUSTRALIANS

are aware of the greater risk of violence experienced by women with disabilities.⁵

19.7%
OF WOMEN WITH A DISABILITY REPORTED A HISTORY OF UNWANTED SEX

COMPARED TO **8.2%** OF WOMEN WITHOUT A DISABILITY.⁶

OPEN EMPLOYMENT AND DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES in Australia assist **TWICE AS MANY MEN WITH DISABILITIES** as they do **WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES.⁷**


MEN WITH DISABILITIES are also **TWICE AS LIKELY** to be in **PAID EMPLOYMENT** as women with disabilities.⁸

For more facts see: [The Australian Women Donors Network Fast Facts Page.](#)

¹ United Nations, Fact Sheet on Persons with Disabilities <http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=33&pid=18>

² European Union, Men and Women with Disabilities in the EU http://www.edac.eu/indicators_desc.cfm?v_id=163.

³ International Network of Women with Disabilities, Document on Violence Against Women with Disabilities 2010, <http://www.asoc-ies.org/violencia/index.html>

⁴ Stop the Violence, Facts and Figures <http://www.stvp.org.au/stats.htm>

⁵ <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/media-and-resources/publications/2013-national-community-attitudes-towards-violence-against-women-survey>

⁶ Stop the Violence, Facts and Figures <http://www.stvp.org.au/stats.htm>

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