



Policy Shifts

Canadian Legislative Changes Impacting Violence Against Women

July – December 2024

Legislation

National Legislative Changes Impacting Violence Against Women in Canada

- **[Bill S-205](#)** (An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to another Act [interim release and domestic violence recognizance orders]) requires electronic monitoring bracelets to be worn by accused abusers while awaiting trial; they are also required for those who are under a court order to stay away from a victim. Received Royal Assent. *Oct 2024*
- **[Bill S-249](#)** (An Act respecting the development of a national strategy for the prevention of intimate partner violence) develops a nationwide strategy to prevent and combat IPV. This bill passed third reading in the Senate and has been referred to the House of Commons. *Nov 2024*
- **[Bill C-332](#)** (An Act to amend the Criminal Code [controlling or coercive conduct]) criminalizes the exercise of coercive control against an intimate partner. This bill is under consideration by the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. *Jun 2024*
- **[Bill C-270](#)** (An Act to amend the Criminal Code [pornographic material]) would prohibit the creation of pornographic material for commercial purposes without having first ascertained that, at the time the material was made, each person whose image is depicted was at least 18 years of age and gave express consent to their image being depicted. This bill is under consideration in the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. *Oct 2024*
- **[Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program](#)** will provide fair compensation for eligible businesses and individuals who possess these prohibited firearms and devices and participate in the program. *Dec 2024*

Consultation

Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Status of Women

- **[Women's Economic Empowerment](#)**. Report presented *Oct 2024*
- **[Implementing a Red Dress Alert in Canada](#)**. Report presented *Sept 2024*
- **[Coercive Behaviour](#)**. Started *May 2024*. In process
- **[Gender-Based Violence and Femicides against Women, Girls and Gender-Diverse People](#)**. Started *Oct 2024*. In process

Publications

Statistics Canada

- **[Trends in Police-Reported Family Violence and Intimate Partner Violence, 2023](#)**, *Oct 2024*
- **[Trafficking in persons in Canada, 2023](#)**, *Nov 2024*

Women's Legal Education and Action Fund

- [What it Takes: Establishing a Gender-Based Violence Accountability Mechanism in Canada](#), Oct 2024

Beijing+30

- [Canada's Fifth National Review 2019-2024: Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the Context of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women](#), Oct 2024
- [Missed Opportunities: A parallel report on Canada's implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#), Oct 2024

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

- [Alternative Federal Budget 2025](#), Sept 2024