



## SECOND STAGE SHELTERS CREATING SAFETY

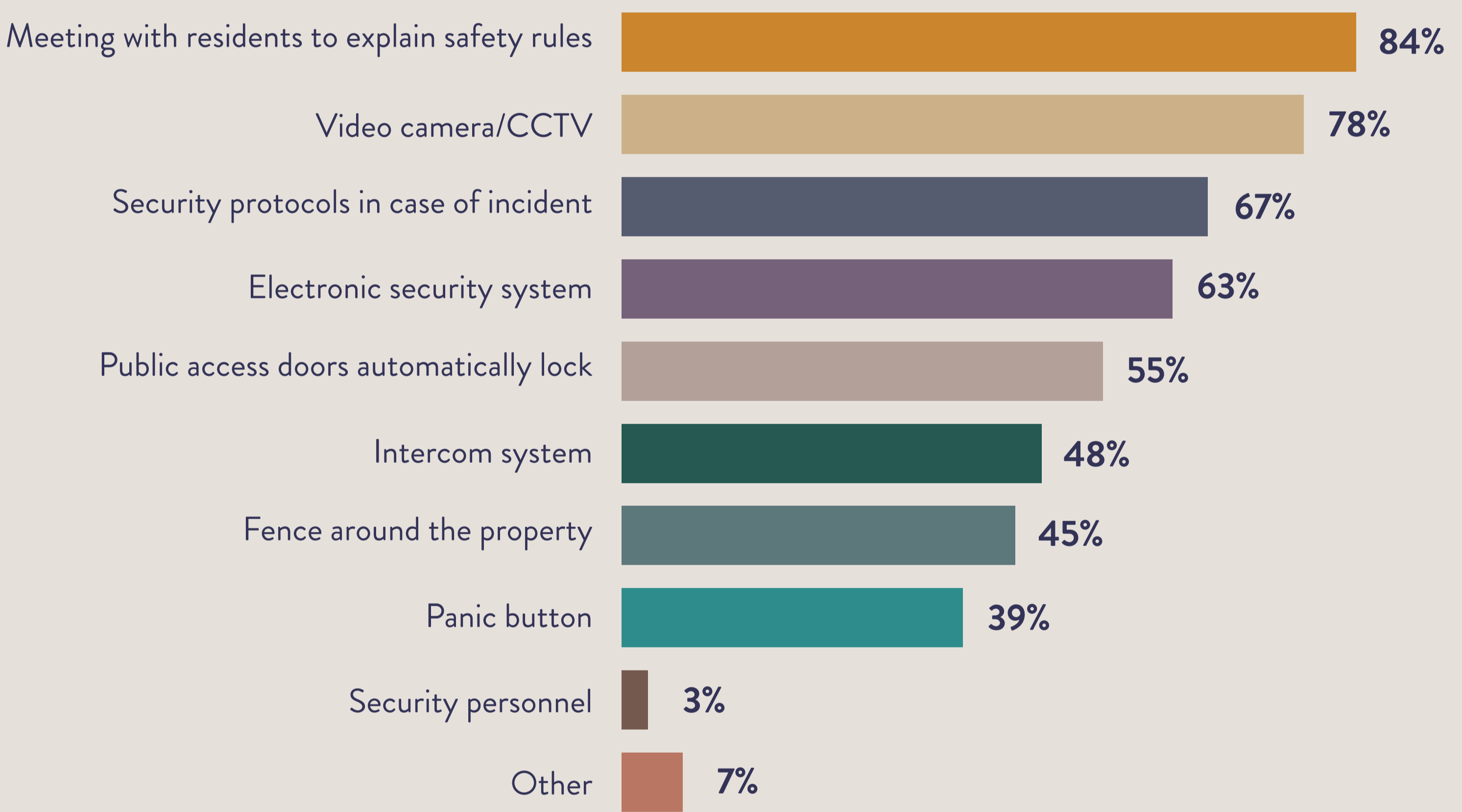
For some survivors of intimate partner violence, living in a second stage shelter is the first time they have ever felt safe. The safety that survivors experience at second stage shelters allows them to reflect, heal, and transform their lives.

- **94%** of second stage shelters surveyed provide safety planning on-site for residents.
- **85%** of second stage shelters surveyed allow former residents to continue to access supports, services, and programs
- Second stage shelters also support survivors in accomplishing measures that create **long-term security**, such as relocation, divorce, custody, and protection orders.

*“I mean, I’m alive, my children are alive. I think I can attribute that directly to the second stage housing. So that’s huge.”*

*—former resident, Yukon Territory, interview*

### SECURITY FEATURES IN SECOND STAGE SHELTERS



*“What sets us apart is the security we offer and the way we address violence post-separation. That genuinely is what we do.”*

*—shelter director, Quebec, interview*

## IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION

Second stage shelters save lives. Canada needs more second stage shelters to prevent violence, abuse, and femicide, especially in rural, remote, northern, and Indigenous communities, where women and girls face higher rates of intimate partner violence and have fewer supports.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry. [https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls\\_for\\_Justice.pdf](https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls_for_Justice.pdf)

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