

# 16 Facts for 16 Days

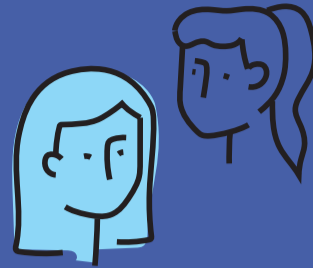
25 November—10 December



Domestic abuse does not stop in pregnancy



Domestic abuse during pregnancy is more common than pre-eclampsia and gestational diabetes



Pregnancy and post-partum are periods of heightened risk for women experiencing domestic abuse



Unplanned pregnancies increase the risk of domestic abuse during pregnancy



Both mother and baby are victims of domestic abuse during pregnancy



Abusers target assaults aimed at the abdomen during a woman's pregnancy



Women who experience domestic abuse during pregnancy are less likely to breastfeed

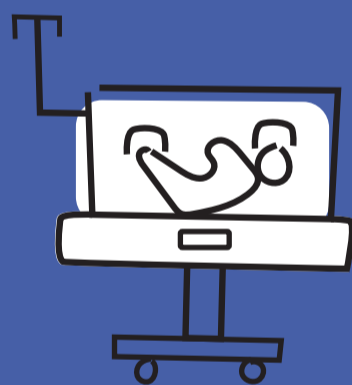


148 women reported abuse during pregnancy to Women's Aid in 2020

## Impacts:



Miscarriage



Premature labour and birth



Delivering a baby with a low birth weight



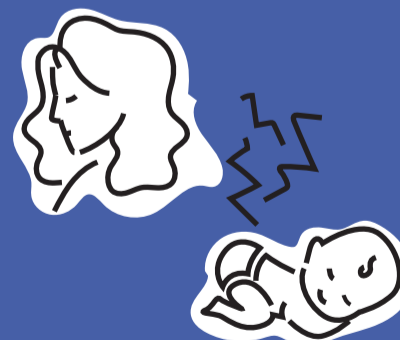
Self-medication or use of alcohol and drugs to cope



Delays in accessing maternity care



Postpartum depression, stress and anxiety



Negative impact on parental bonding



Behavioural and emotional problems in children

Working in partnership with maternity hospitals to listen, believe and support women experiencing domestic abuse.

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