



SECOND STAGE SHELTERS **IMPACT**

Abuse does not stop when a woman leaves. Many survivors continue to be harassed, stalked, and abused by their former partners after the relationship has ended.¹ By providing safe, affordable, and longer-term housing with wrap-around supports for survivors of intimate partner violence, second stage shelters reduce the risk of future abuse, trauma, and femicide.

“Some residents experience safety for the first time.”

*—shelter director,
British Columbia,
survey*

“They make us feel like we are human beings. They make us feel like we are women, that we deserve to live...That we are self-sufficient and that we have a place in the community.”

*—current resident,
Quebec, interview*

SECOND STAGE SHELTERS PROVIDE SURVIVORS WITH:

- A **safe environment** in which to live and rebuild
- **Time and space to heal** and develop independence
- **Community** and networks of support
- IPV-specific **programming and counselling**

Second stage shelters surveyed reported that **76%** of the women leaving their shelter in the past year had secured permanent housing.

“Women are often in crisis when they move in. Slowly the time is taken to put together a plan and ensure that the pieces are in place to begin healing. When they finally depart, the personal growth that has happened can be amazing.”

—shelter director, PEI, survey

IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION

Second stage shelters save lives. Canada needs more second stage shelters, with increased funding.

¹ #CallItFemicide : Understanding gender-related killings of women and girls in Canada 2019. <https://femicideincanada.ca/callitfemicide.pdf>

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