

Amnesty International Canada's Enews Update for the Stop Violence Against Women Campaign

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UPDATE

2009 Vigils to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada

On October 4, 2009, Amnesty International joined with the Native Women's Association of Canada, KAIROS, the National Association of Friendship Centres, the Canadian Federation of Students and others to call for an end to violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada. Over 70 vigils were held across the country! [Find out more.](#)

EVENTS

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign initiated by the global women's movement in 1991. It starts on November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ends on December 10, Human Rights Day.

Take Action: Join Amnesty International in calling for an end to violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada on November 25th. You can also find actions on Afghanistan, Haiti, Tajikistan, South Africa, and Yemen on [Amnesty's website.](#)

TAKE ACTION

Wake Up Call for Canada: End violence against Indigenous women

According to a government statistic, young First Nations women in Canada are five times more likely than other women to die as the result of violence. The Sisters in Spirit initiative of the Native Women's Association of Canada has documented over 520 cases of Indigenous women and girls who have gone missing or been murdered, most within the last three decades. The Canadian government must do more to end the violence.

For the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, Amnesty International is calling on Canada to Wake Up and take action to end violence against Indigenous women. On the morning of November 25th – the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – join us and send Canada a "Wake Up" email urging the government to work with Indigenous women and organizations to develop a national plan of action to end to violence against Indigenous women and girls.

Take Action: On November 25th, send an email to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Amnesty International will send you an email reminder to take action! This [website action](#) is coming soon.

REPORTS

No More Stolen Sisters

On September 30, 2009, Amnesty International launched the report, No More Stolen Sisters: The Need for a Comprehensive Response to Discrimination and Violence Against Indigenous Women in Canada. The report highlights the continuing marginalization and inequality experienced by Indigenous women in Canada that contributes to the high levels of violence they face. [Read the Report.](#)

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