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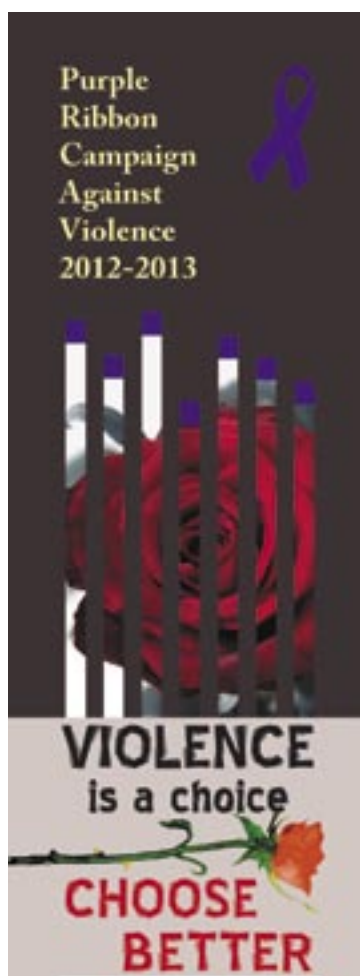
The Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence

The Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence was initiated by the Advisory Council on the Status of Women in 1991 to remember the 14 women who were murdered at L'École Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989, and to raise awareness about violence against women.

People use violence to establish power and maintain control over others. Violence and abuse take root in the many types of inequality in our society. This year the PEI Purple Ribbon Campaign reminds us that no one chooses to be a victim of violence, but using violence is a choice - and we can all choose better.



First Mourn, then work for change



The PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women, asks Islanders to wear purple ribbons in remembrance of the 14 women slain at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal and to raise awareness about violence against women and children. Every year hundreds of Island women and children are the victims of violence. The message of the Purple Ribbon Campaign is that this must stop! We must remember the 14 young women in Montreal who were murdered because they were women, and we must act to end violence against women and children.

This year, the Purple Ribbon Campaign marks the 23rd anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, in which 14 women were murdered at their engineering school in Montreal. This staggering national event occurred only weeks after a PEI woman was murdered. And in the years since the Massacre, eight more women have been murdered on Prince Edward Island by men they knew. Over the same years, the community has worked hard to develop violence prevention programs to ensure events like the Montreal Massacre or the murders of Island women do not have to happen again *(PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women)*.

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Memorial Services for Victims of Violence

Charlottetown - December 6

Memorial Service & Candle-Lighting

Guest Speaker: Trish Cheverie

12 noon

Memorial Hall, Confederation Centre of the Arts

More info: PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women (902) 368-4510

Summerside - December 6

Memorial Service

12:10 p.m.

Summerside Baptist Church

219 Church Street

More info: East Prince Women's Information Centre (902) 436-9856

O'Leary - December 6

Memorial Service

12 noon

O'Leary United Church

More info: West Prince Family Violence Prevention (902) 859-8849



Should men and boys wear a purple ribbon?

Yes. Wearing a purple ribbon is an opportunity for men and boys, as well as women and girls, to remember and acknowledge violence against women and to support the work to end violence against women. Wear the ribbon between November 25, the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women and December 6, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. You can also wear a ribbon in February, during PEI Family Violence Prevention Week.

The Purple Ribbon Campaign is a project of the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women.