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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees



## Family Violence Prevention

**Week: February 10-16, 2019**

### **Souris Walk in Silence, 11:45 am (Souris Regional High School, Tuesday, February 12)**

All are welcome to join students and teachers of Souris Regional High School, the mayor and several council members for this community walk. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles and brothers and sons are especially encouraged to take part to show that men are aware of the importance of family violence prevention. Warm treats and hot chocolate to follow at St. Mary's Hall. For more information, call 902-687-2157. Sponsored by the Town of Souris with support from PAC.

### **Georgetown Walk in Silence, 11:45 am (Georgetown Elementary School, Tuesday, February 12)**

Join students and staff of Georgetown Elementary for a community walk led by RCMP and the volunteer fire department. A school assembly will follow focused on daily changes that individuals can take to help in the prevention of family violence and to bring more awareness to the issues of today's society. For details, call 902-652-2924. Sponsored by the Town of Three Rivers with support from PAC.

### **Wear Purple Day (Wednesday, February 13)**

Islanders across the province are asked to wear purple to remember victims of violence and their families. As a neighbour, friend, family member or coworker, you can help prevent and respond to abuse in our community.



### **Morell Walk in Silence, 11:00 am (Morell Regional High, Wednesday, February 13)**

Wear purple and join students and staff for the Walk in Silence for Victims of Domestic Violence led by RCMP and the Morell Fire Department through the village of Morell. Hot chocolate to follow at the school. For details, call 902-314-1445. Sponsored by the Morell Fire Department with support from PAC.

### **Charlottetown Walk in Silence, 12:00 pm (Coles Building, Wednesday, February 13)**

The Walk in Silence is a symbolic gesture to give voice to family violence victims who remain silent out of shame or fear. All are welcome to walk with fellow Islanders to show a commitment to preventing family violence. Wear purple if you can. The walk ends with a reception at Charlottetown City Hall on Queen Street. Everyone can play a part in preventing and responding to family violence, whether as a neighbor, friend, family member, or co-worker *(continued on next page)*.

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## Summerside Walk in Silence, 12:00 pm (Summerside City Hall, Wednesday, February 13)

From Summerside City Hall to Lefurgey Cultural Centre along Fitzroy, Central, Water and Summer streets. Join the Walk in Silence to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with victims of family violence. Light refreshments to follow at Lefurgey Cultural Centre. For details, call 902-888-3310. Sponsored by the City of Summerside with support from PAC.

- Family violence affects, or will affect, all people in Prince Edward Island. Family violence is connected to abuse of power and control, and to injustice based on sex, race, age, class, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability. Individual history, family history, and current circumstances play a role in family violence.
- Family violence is known by many names: child maltreatment, child abuse, incest, child exposure to domestic violence, intimate partner violence, spousal violence, woman abuse, domestic violence, sibling abuse, parent abuse, elder abuse, and abuse of older adults. Family violence can affect anyone, from any demographic: *cultural, national and ethnic origin, socio-economic status, education, gender, age and physical or mental ability.*
- Family violence can take many forms: *harassment, verbal abuse, threats, financial abuse, psychological abuse, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, neglect, damage to property, injury to pets, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and homicide.*
- Family violence can happen between: *current and former intimate partners (married and unmarried couples, including same-sex couples, and dating partners); a legal guardian or parent and child; blood, marriage or adoptive relatives; and a live-in caregiver and care recipient.*
- Family violence hurts. It can cause physical and psychological harm. Family violence violates the victim's rights and freedoms. Family violence harms the healthy development of children and youth.
- Family violence is a public health issue, a criminal justice issue, and a human rights issue. To address family violence, all of us in Prince Edward Island must work together and share our resources (***stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca***).

