

Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act

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**An Act to Declare Intimate
Partner Violence an Epidemic**

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WHEREAS the Final Report of the Mass Casualty Commission found that “Gender-based, intimate partner, and family violence is an epidemic”;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation V.14 of the Report recommends that “All levels of government in Canada declare gender-based, intimate partner, and family violence to be an epidemic that warrants a meaningful and sustained society-wide response”;

AND WHEREAS, according to the Report, the use of the term “epidemic” underscores the fact that “gender-based, intimate partner, and family violence continue to be excessively prevalent in Nova Scotia”;

AND WHEREAS over 40 per cent of Canadian women will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetimes:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the *Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act*.
2024, c. 8, s. 1.

Intimate partner violence is an epidemic

2 The Government of the Province shall recognize that intimate partner violence is an epidemic in the Province. 2024, c. 8, s. 2.