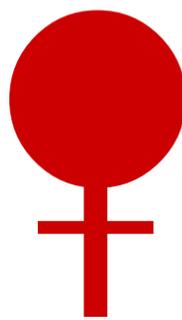


WOMEN AND HOMELESSNESS



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WOMEN CITE DOMESTIC ABUSE AS THE **MAIN CAUSE** OF THEIR HOMELESSNESS



60%

OF WOMEN CITE DOMESTIC ABUSE AS **ONE** OF THE CAUSES OF THEIR HOMELESSNESS

Country Profile



- 44% of women rough sleepers abuse alcohol.
- 37% report mental health problems.
- 11% misuse drugs.
- 31% have been raped or physically abused while homeless.



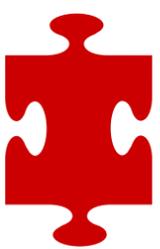
92% of homeless women experienced violence or abuse, including emotional, physical, financial or sexual abuse while homeless.



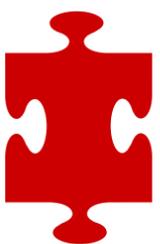
- 10% of women rough sleepers were beaten up,
- 5% raped
- 5% forced to join a gang.



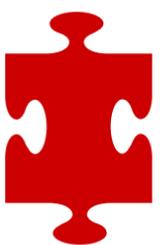
- 13% of women rough sleepers were raped while homeless
- 15% beaten up
- 11% stalked
- 8% choked/strangled



The Council of Europe recommends that there be a shelter space for every 10,000 inhabitants, but on average in the EU there is one for every 20,000 inhabitants.



Women suffer from "Hidden Homelessness" meaning they are not visibly homeless, resulting in women's homelessness being excluded from policy development.



Homeless women engage in coping strategies such as sleeping rough in parks, stations, sofa surfing or returning to a relationship to avoid being homeless.

#endhomelessness