WOMEN AND HOMELESSNESS

1 IN 3
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

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

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

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

-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.

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