

# DOMESTIC ABUSE AND DISABILITY

DISABLED WOMEN ARE AS LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE **TWICE** DOMESTIC ABUSE, ASSAULT AND RAPE. THEY MAY FACE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS TO ESCAPE

-Reluctance to leave specially adapted homes

-Physically less able to escape, defend themselves or report abuse

-Adapted refuge accommodation is limited

-Support services often lack resources e.g:braille or sign language

-Limited specialist refuge space and their own dependency on the perpetrators make it difficult for women with drug and alcohol addiction

DISABLED WOMEN ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF DEPENDENCY, ISOLATION, SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH

ALSO A RISK OF ABUSE FROM FAMILY MEMBERS AND PAID CARERS

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