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### Familiarize yourself with women's sex-based rights under:

- BC Human Rights Code
- The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

### Get involved:

- Write to your MLA
- Talk to your family, friends, schools, Parents Advisory Councils

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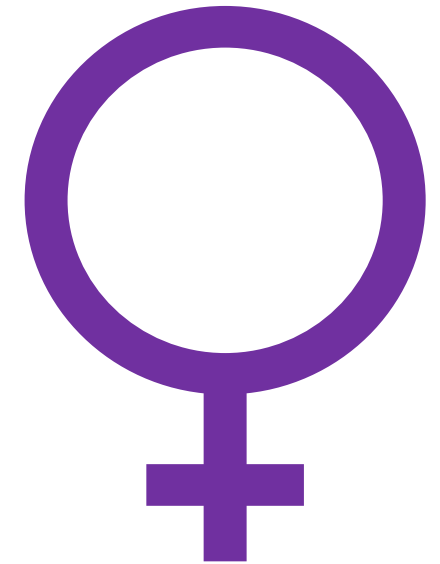
## What we stand for:

- The protection of women's human rights
- The protection of women-only spaces
- The rejection of sex-role stereotypes
- The right to discuss and describe our bodies, our sexual lives, and our reproductive abilities
- The right to express ourselves without bullying & intimidation
- Democracy



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# Do you care about women and girls?



## Understand the impact of Gender Self-Declaration.

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## What has happened?

On January 14, 2022, the BC NDP Government announced an administrative change allowing anyone by simply filling out a form to **self-identify as the opposite sex on all BC legal identification documents:**

- BC Services Card
- BC Driver's License
- BC Identification Card
- Birth Certificate

## Why is this an issue?

- **Sex and gender** don't mean the same thing.
- **Sex is biology** either male or female. **Sex can't be changed.**
- **Gender is** based on cultural, often old **stereotypes** of how men and women are expected to behave, dress, and work. **Women** have long since **rejected these** outdated **concepts**.
- Self-declared **gender** is entered on the form but **is displayed as sex** on all BC **legal identification documents**, regardless of one's biology.
- **This change to self-identification was made without broad consultation.** Most BC citizens are unaware of this change or what it means.
- **Males who identify as females have access to women-only spaces which negatively impacts women and girls.**



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## What is the impact of gender self-identification?

### Males competing in women's sports

- Women and girls' sports lose out due to competition from men who have an unfair physical advantage.

### Males in women's prisons

- Male criminals who self-identify as female housed in women's prisons.

### Mixed sex bathrooms and shelters

- Female change rooms, toilets, and other private spaces are accessible by males.

### Inaccurate crime statistics

- Crimes committed by males who self-identify as female are recorded as being committed by women, **even** rape and sexual assault.

### Lesbian erasure

- Many males who self-identify as women also identify as lesbian. Lesbian-only spaces are threatened.

### The category of woman is erased

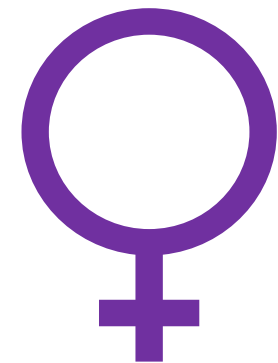
- If anyone can self-identify as a woman, the category of woman no longer has meaning.



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## What women want:

- **Our sex-based rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to be protected.**
- **Biological sex recorded** on all legal documents.
- Protection of **women-only spaces**.
- The category of **sex** shouldn't be confused with **gender** as is currently the case with the BC Government's self-identification policy change.
- If gender identity must be collected, it should be collected separately from sex.



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