

# CHALLENGES FACED BY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students have to navigate a new country on their own and face unique barriers and complexities compared to domestic students, especially when it comes to sexual violence.

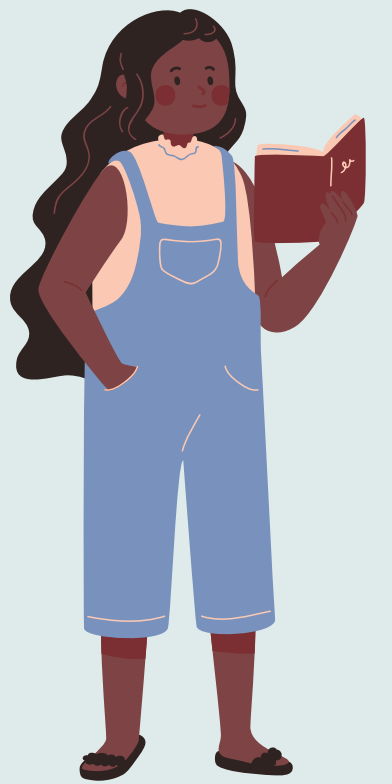
## General Lack of Knowledge of Canadian Laws & Rights

- Unaware of laws around sexual assault/harassment/consent
- Work exploitation by employer
- Exploitation by landlords



## Misperception of Consent & Sexual Assault & Barriers to Reporting

- Lack of knowledge of reporting options
- Cultural/language barriers make it difficult to identify sexual assault
- Lack of knowledge of available medical services/community resources



## Fear of Deportation and the Police

- Leads to lack of reporting
- More likely to be threatened with deportation by employers/landlords



## High Tuition Fees, Cost of Living, and Pressure to Send Money Back Home

- Financial manipulation
- Limited post-graduate work permits
- Exploitation by landlord
- Work exploitation (illegal work hours, unpaid overtime, low wages).
- Increase in international student tuition fees



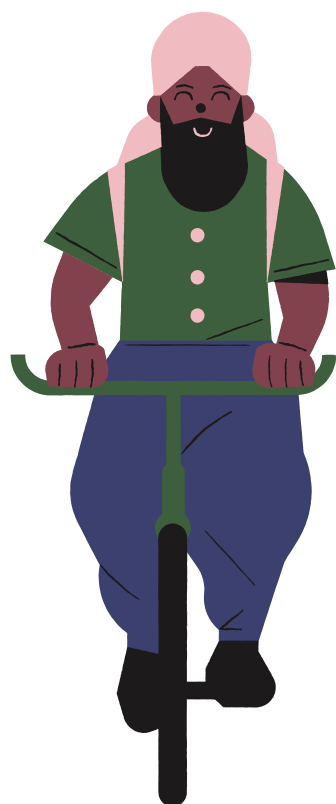
## Process of Acculturation/ Language/Cultural Barriers

- Language barriers create obstacles in seeking support
- Cultural differences create difficulties in receiving appropriate support
- Pressure to assimilate to Canadian culture



## Racism, Homophobia, Transphobia, and Racial Profiling

- Lack of trust with the law/police
- Victims of hate crimes



## Lack of Friends or a Support Network. Isolation and Homesickness/Struggling with Independency

- Social exclusion from mainstream Canadian society
- Isolated from campus community
- Stress/loneliness of moving to another country
- Don't know where to go for support

