

# ENHANCE ACCESS TO SAFETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



British Columbia hosts the 2nd largest international student population in Canada



International students are concentrated in larger urban cities



50%+ of international students come from China or India

In 2019, there were a total of **642,000** international students in Canada. This number is expected to increase in the coming years.



13% Increase of international students in Canada in 2019

## Barriers in Reporting Sexual Assault for International Students



1. Language & Cultural Barriers: Lack of social & cultural support/lack of services in other languages
2. Fear of deportation, police, student permit restrictions, and administrative obstacles
3. General lack of knowledge of Canadian legal and justice systems
4. Misperceptions of sexual violence
5. Unaware of accessibility to resources in non-urban areas



4 out of 5 female undergraduate students reported experiencing sexual violence in dating relationships

96%

96% of Canadians believe sex should be consensual

Only 29% of them reported their sexual assault

Only 1 out of 3 Canadians understands what it means to give consent



80%

80% of sexual assaults that take place on university campuses, are perpetrated by someone known to the survivor