
PRE-BORN VICTIMS OF CRIME LAW

Model Legislation & Policy Guide



We *Need* a Law

*because all human beings
have human rights*

INTRODUCTION

Canada is failing its pregnant women. Women who choose motherhood should be honored and respected in that choice. Allowing these offenders to get away, quite literally, with murder does nothing to empower women or protect real choice.

It is well established that the risk of violence against women increases when they are pregnant, yet consequences for their attackers do not increase at all. Right now, pre-born children are not recognized as persons for the purpose of the law, so their death or injury as victims of crime cannot be legally counted.

For more information, please contact We Need A Law's Director, Mike Schouten

Email: info@weneedalaw.ca Phone: 1-866-410-9625

Pre-born Victims of Crime Draft Law

Whereas Parliament wishes to denounce violence against pregnant women by explicitly including pregnancy as an aggravating circumstance in sentencing;

Whereas Canada has no criminal law recognizing a pre-born child as a victim when he or she is harmed or killed in utero as a result of a criminal attack;

The Criminal Code is amended by adding the following after Paragraph 718.2(a) subparagraph (ii.1):

(ii.2) evidence that the offender, in committing the offence, abused a person whom the offender knew to be pregnant;

(ii.3) evidence that the offence had a significant impact on a pregnant victim and her pre-born child.