

Challenge the condoning of violence against women with disabilities

Use anti-violence messaging

Reduce victim blaming ✓

Women with disabilities have a right to safety, respect & equality.

Perpetrator accountability ✓

Lots of carers experience stress without becoming violent.

There is no justification ✓

It's not ok, ever.

Name the problem ✓

This is family violence. This is sexual assault. This is abuse.

Systems of accountability ✓

This is unlawful.

Challenge minimising ✓

It's a big deal, and it's wrong.

Reduce victim blaming ✓

It's not her fault.

Perpetrator accountability ✓

Violence is a choice. He chose to use power over her.

Frame disability using a strengths-based model:

Use factual language that doesn't reinforce stereotypes, imply weakness, alienate women or suggest disability is a reason for violence.

Women with disabilities aren't 'vulnerable to violence.'

Women with disabilities are targeted for violence.

She isn't 'bound to a wheelchair'. She is enabled by it.

She uses a wheelchair.

She doesn't have the mentality of a 3-year old.

She's an adult woman with an intellectual disability.

She isn't 'suffering from' or 'struggling with' a disability.

She has dementia.

She isn't 'dependent' on her partner. All relationships involve interdependence.

Her partner provides her with support.

She doesn't need others to do everything for her.

If she needs help, she'll ask for it.

She doesn't have a 'lower quality of life'.

The presence or absence of disability is not what predicts quality of life.

She does not 'have difficulty remembering'.

She has a brain injury and understands information best when a written summary is provided.