

Let's make women safe in Knysna's informal settlements

WOMEN IN KNYSNA'S INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS experience immense psychological strain and risk physical violence when using communal taps and toilets, particularly at night. *"I'm a woman. They can rape us,"* a resident said, expressing her fear of using services after dark. Women are also at greater risk because they use these services more when they collect water and clean communal toilets. Knysna municipality can do something about this. **Small and low-cost changes, like where taps and toilets are placed and sufficient public lighting, can go a long way towards making these services safer for women.**



WOMEN WANT LIGHTS NEAR TOILETS

<h3 style="color: pink;">64%</h3> <p>of women feel unsafe using the toilet at night, compared to 22% who feel unsafe during the day</p>	<h3 style="color: pink;">87%</h3> <p>of women say that there is not enough public lighting in their informal settlement</p>	<h3 style="color: pink;">68%</h3> <p>of women say communal sanitation should have separate toilets for men and women</p>	<h3 style="color: pink;">53%</h3> <p>of women are responsible for cleaning toilets (compared to only 35% of men)</p>
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WOMEN WANT TAPS SPREAD, NOT CLUSTERED

<h3 style="color: pink;">MANY RESIDENTS</h3> <p>say that taps and toilets are located far from where they live which increases their risk</p>	<h3 style="color: pink;">78%</h3> <p>of women are responsible for collecting water for their household (compared to 68% of men)</p>	<h3 style="color: pink;">82%</h3> <p>of the women who collect water do so more than once a day</p>	<h3 style="color: pink;">25%</h3> <p>of women who collect water say that it takes longer than 10 minutes each time</p>
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