

## THUNDER BAY WOMEN'S COURT WATCH



### Volunteer Job Description

**Purpose:** To monitor Thunder Bay, Ontario criminal court cases involving woman abuse and report statistical data which will be used to reveal trends in the criminal court system's treatment of such cases. The compiled data will be released to the public as well as relevant agencies and those with authority to change policies and procedures within the justice system.

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**Qualifications:**

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Applicants must complete application form and complete a successful criminal reference check as determined by the Advisory Committee.
3. Following the completion of the above requirements, qualified applicants will be selected by the Court Watch Advisory Committee.

**Responsibilities:**

1. To attend training sessions explaining the court system, key players in court, woman abuse issues and how to use the survey tool to gather data.
2. To attend and observe woman abuse court cases (approx. 6-10 hours per month)
3. To complete the survey tool during the trial and hand in completed surveys to the Court Watch Coordinator.
4. To attend a monthly support meeting to connect with other volunteers, discuss experiences and explore training needs.

**Evaluation:** On-going performance indicators include quality of paperwork, adherence to program guidelines and courtroom decorum, and consistent attendance.

**Benefits:** Learning about the legal system and working with people who share your interests and values to help improve the administration of justice in woman abuse cases.