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WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

More than a third of women surveyed (38%) had disabilities. Women with disabilities in regional Australia face multiple challenges.

Women with disabilities are less likely to feel safe at home (15% feel unsafe). 18% say their home environment is not positive for them.

Their health may be affected by housing costs that are not affordable. Two in five (41%) have gone without medical treatments in the past 12 months in order to pay for their rent or mortgage (compared to 29% of women without disabilities).

Women with disabilities are nearly twice as likely to have been homeless in the past 5 years (18% compared with 10% of women more broadly).

Women with disabilities are twice as likely to have experienced domestic and family violence (32% compared with 16%). One in five (22%) say their housing situation is unsuitable (compared with 14% of women without disabilities).

This excerpt is from the report **Women's Housing Needs in Regional Australia** accessible at ywcahousing.org.au/research