

CENTRE FOR THE **PREVENTION**  
OF RADICALIZATION  
LEADING TO VIOLENCE

## WHO ARE WE?

The CPRLV is a non-profit organization independent of all government agencies. Its aims are to prevent acts of violent radicalization, and to provide support to organizations and individuals affected by this issue.

The CPRLV has developed prevention, intervention and training programs to help you cope with any type of situation involving radicalization, and to provide you with support, whatever your needs may be.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I CONTACT THE CENTRE?

A specialist will return your call within 48 hours to discuss your concerns and needs, to meet with you and to establish an intervention plan if appropriate.

## 24/7 HELPLINE

MONTREAL AREA

**514-687-7141**

ELSEWHERE IN QUEBEC

**1-877-687-7141**

**info-radical.org**

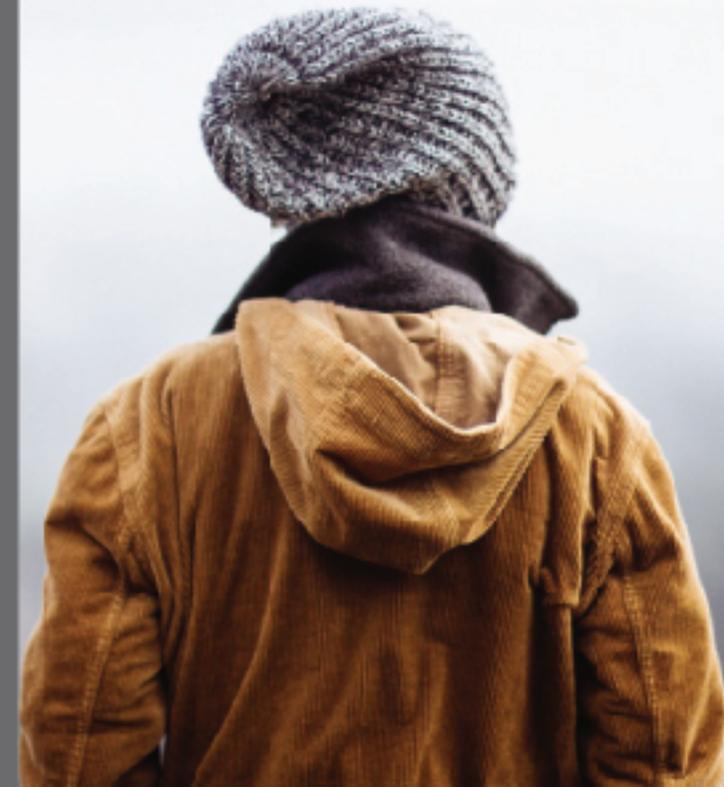
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confidential!*

## A DOUBT? A CONCERN?

*Let's talk about it!*



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## WHAT IS RADICALIZATION?

The CPRLV defines radicalization as a process whereby people adopt an extremist belief system—including the intent to use, encourage or facilitate violence in order to promote an ideology, political project or cause.



## HOW TO RECOGNIZE IT?

There is no typical profile. Each situation is unique. However, if changes in the behaviour of one of your family members or close friends worry you, that is sufficient reason to ask for help or advice.

Examples of worrisome changes in an individual's behaviour:

- Becomes suddenly disinterested in professional or school activities
- Consolidates his thoughts by regularly consulting violent extremist forums or websites on the Internet
- Becomes closer to individuals or groups known to be violent extremists
- Cuts off ties with family members and/or close friends in order to keep exclusive company with a new circle of acquaintances or friends
- Justifying the use of violence in defence of a cause or ideology.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF ONE OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS OR CLOSE FRIENDS WORRIES ME?

- Encourage the person to talk to you and not make him/her feel guilty.
- Listen – without passing judgment on the person's needs, beliefs, ideals... **in order to stay connected.**
- Adopt a non-punitive attitude (for example, do not forbid the person to have Internet access, do not ground him/her, etc.) so that the person does not withdraw into himself/herself.
- Remain vigilant and get help from CPRLV support staff; they will advise you and offer you support tailored to your needs.
- Don't blame yourself. Many parents of radicalized persons never saw it coming.

## IF ONE OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS OR CLOSE FRIENDS HAS JOINED A RADICAL GROUP, OR WANTS TO LEAVE ONE?

- Ask for support from the CPRLV.

**IF YOU BELIEVE THE INDIVIDUAL PRESENTS AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO HIMSELF/HERSELF OR OTHERS, CALL 911.**

