

Women's economic crime

EVE

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## DESCRIPTION

The *EVE* program was initiated in 1988 to provide concrete solutions to shoplifting, one of the most common forms of female crime.

## WHO BENEFITS FROM THE PROGRAM

This program is specifically intended for women who have committed one or more economic crimes (shoplifting, employee theft, price switching, credit card fraud, counterfeit or forged cheques, etc.).

## OBJECTIVES

The *EVE* program:

- Offers the court a specific program for women accused of economic crime.
- Provides an alternative to sentencing, especially imprisonment.
- Represents a form of non-judicial sanction for first offenders.
- Makes offenders responsible for their behaviour by making them aware of the causes and consequences of their crime.
- Reduces repeat offences by targeting means of control.

## CONDITIONS

Eligibility and the duration of the program are determined by the *EVE* program's clinical counsellor, in association with the prosecuting attorneys responsible for the municipal court.

Following the participant's admission, two types of follow-up are available:

- First offenders: 3 group sessions of two hours each.
- Repeat offenders: 10 group sessions of two hours each.

The results of the follow-up are sent to the prosecutors/judges to finalize the processing of the file.

## PARTNERS AND KEY PLAYERS IN THE EVE PROGRAM

- Société Elizabeth Fry du Québec
- Prosecuting attorneys
- Municipal court judges
- Defence attorneys