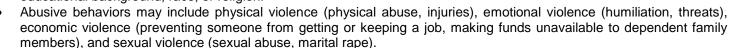
Domestic Violence Fact Sheet

What is Domestic Violence?

- Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive and threatening behaviors perpetrated by an intimate partner or family member against another.
- Domestic violence involves exercising a pattern of <u>coercive control</u> over a victim: using acts designed to make her subordinate and/or dependent by isolating her from sources of support, regulating her everyday behaviors, and preventing her independence or escape.¹
- It affects individuals in all countries, regardless of age², economic status, educational background, race, or religion.





Domestic Violence Awareness

What is the Purpose of Domestic Violence?

- To reinforce the dominant belief that men have the right to control women.
- To establish and exert <u>power and control</u> over an intimate partner.

What is the Prevalence of Domestic Violence?

- In a study of 48 countries, 10-69% of women report being physically assaulted by an intimate male partner during their lifetime.³
- Studies show that 40-70% of all women who are murdered are killed by their current or former husbands or partners.⁴

What are the Effects of Domestic Violence?

- <u>Women may experience severe physical and mental health problems</u> lasting a lifetime (physical injury, chronic pain, gastrointestinal disorders, depression, and suicidal behavior).
- Women may experience reproductive health issues such as premature labor and birth, <u>HIV/AIDS</u>, and other sexually-transmitted diseases.⁵
- Women may experience lower job earnings, problems in job performance, and difficulty in keeping employment due to domestic violence.⁶
- The cost of domestic violence is greater than \$5.8 billion per year just in the United States. In the United Kingdom, a 2004 study estimated that the cost of domestic violence was £23 billion per year.
- <u>Millions of children are exposed to domestic violence</u> each year. Studies have found that these children are more likely to run away from home, engage in substance abuse, attempt suicide, and commit sexual assault crimes. 10
- Domestic violence reinforces other acts of violence and prevents women and children from reaching their full potential.
 Communities and nations are negatively affected by domestic violence in many ways.¹¹

Forms of Domestic Violence

The following are some common types of domestic violence:

- Dating Violence
- Stalking
- Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence
- LGBTQ Domestic Violence
- Marital rape

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¹ Evan Stark, Re-presenting Battered Women: Coercive Control and the Defense of Liberty (2012).

² Technology and Teen Dating Abuse Survey in 2007; Dating Basics, at loveisrespect.org; Dating Violence, www.stopvaw.org.

³ World Health Organization, <u>Facts on Intimate Partner Violence</u> (2002).

⁴ *Id*.

⁵ *Id*.

⁶ *Id*.

⁷ Department of Health and Human Services, Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States (2003).

⁸ UN Department of Public Information, Violence Against Women: The Situation (2009).

⁹ Moylan et al., "<u>The Effects of Child Abuse and Exposure to Domestic Violence on Adolescent Internalizing and Externalizing Behavior Problems</u>" in J Fam Violence. 2010 January; 25(1): 53–63.

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¹¹ UN Department of Public Information, Violence Against Women: The Situation (2009).