

THE FACTS

about domestic violence



IN IOWA

Most domestic violence incidents are never reported

6,628 incidents reported to law enforcement

17% of women stalked in their lifetime

1-IN-5 teens know a victim of dating violence

1-IN-10 men are victims of assault



- Women ages 16 to 25 are at greatest risk of becoming victims of domestic violence
- In 2 out of 3 U.S. female homicide cases, females are killed by a family member or intimate partner
- On average, 24 people per minute in the U.S. are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner
- Approximately 2 out of 3 children are exposed to domestic violence each year

The longer the violence goes on, the more serious effect it has for the victims



WHO?

Domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, income or other factors.

Though same sex battering occurs about as often as other couples, 95% of the victims in heterosexual couples are women battered by male partners.

35% of women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

African American women suffer domestic abuse at higher rates than the general population.



WHEN & WHERE?

Domestic violence is most likely to take place between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Incidents of domestic violence are reported most frequently on weekends.

More than 60% of domestic violence incidents happen at home.



WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Many perpetrators repeat their pattern of control in all of their intimate relationships.

Children who live in homes where abuse is present are more likely to have health problems and experience adverse childhood experiences.

Without help, girls who witness domestic violence are more vulnerable to abuse as teens and adults.

Without help, boys who witness domestic violence are far more likely to become abusers of their partners/children; continuing the cycle to the next generation.

Children exposed to violence are more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs or alcohol, runaway from home, engage in teenage prostitution and commit sexual assault crimes.

For more information on Domestic Violence/Abuse contact the Iowa Victim Service Call Center at 1-800-770-1650 or text 'IOWAHELP' to 20121

For more information on Sexual Assault/Rape contact the Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline at 1-800-284-7821

