



Domestic Violence FACTS

- According to the American Medical Association, violence in the home among family members has reached epidemic proportions. Nationally, family violence creates 100,000 days of hospitalization, 30,000 emergency room visits and 40,000 trips to the doctor's office each year.
Journal of the American Medical Association
- Domestic violence affects more than 32 million Americans each year and in 1995 accounted for \$4.1 billion in health care costs.
Centers for Disease Control, 2005
- Nearly one-third of American women (31 percent) reports being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.
The Commonwealth Fund
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States, more common than automobile accidents, muggings and rapes combined.
Uniform Crime Reports, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- A 2001 study found that 20 per cent of teenage girls reported having been in a physically or sexual violent dating relationship.
Journal of the American Medical Association
- Domestic violence occurs at all levels of society, in all classes and communities, regardless of social, economic or cultural backgrounds.
Maryland Physicians' Campaign Against Family Violence
- Fifty-two percent of female murder victims were killed by a current partner or ex-husband.
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- Child abuse has been reported to occur in 45% to 50% of families where adult domestic violence occurs.
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- Twenty-five percent to 45% of battered women were battered while they were pregnant.
US Department of Justice
- Battered women are more likely to suffer miscarriages and have low birth weight babies.
Surgeon General, United States