



Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services

The Facts About Abuse

The statistics are staggering when it comes to abuse issues. Most abuse goes unreported. Think about that as I read you these statistics:

1. 1 in 3 women experience at least one physical assault by a partner/former partner in adulthood.¹
2. 90-95% of domestic violence victims are women.²
3. 75% of domestic violence victims who are killed are murdered during the separation.³
4. Domestic violence is the single most common source of injury to women, more common than auto accidents, muggings and rape by a stranger combined.⁴
5. 1 in 4 women seeking health care from a family doctor report having been physically assaulted by their partners within the last year.⁵
6. 70% of men who batter women also batter their children, making the presence of spouse abuse the single most identifiable risk factor for predicting child abuse.⁶
7. Approximately half of victims who were murdered or almost murdered underestimated the risk that their perpetrator was capable of killing her.⁷
8. Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.⁸

¹ American Psychological Association's Report: Violence and family, 1996

² Bureau of Justice Statistics selected findings: Violence Between Intimates, 1994

³ U.S. Department of Justice

⁴ E Stark & A Flitcraft, 1988

⁵ LK Hamberger, DG Saunders, & M Hovey, 1992

⁶ Bower, Arsbittel, & McFerroen, 1989

⁷ Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessment; John Hopkins University, 1985

⁸ Strauss, Gelles & Smith "Physical Violence in American Families" Transactions Publisher 1990

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