

UNDERSTANDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHEN LOVE HURTS

While domestic violence can take many forms, abusers are usually men and victims are usually women.



women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime.

(Safe Horizon, Domestic Violence: Statistics & Facts)

4,774,000

women in the U.S. experience physical violence by an intimate partner every year.

(Huffington Post, 30 Shocking Domestic Violence Statistics That Remind Us It's An Epidemic)

Women ages 18 to 34

are at greatest risk of becoming victims of domestic violence

(Safe Horizon, Domestic Violence: Statistics & Facts)



Every 9 seconds

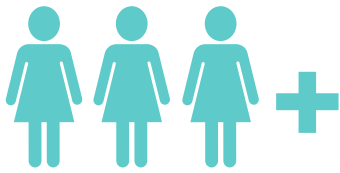
a woman in the U.S. is the victim of domestic violence.



3 or more

women on average are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends each day

(American Psychology Association)



is spent each year in law enforcement involvement, legal work, medical and mental health treatment, and lost productivity at companies

(Safe Horizon, Domestic Violence: Statistics & Facts)

3rd leading cause

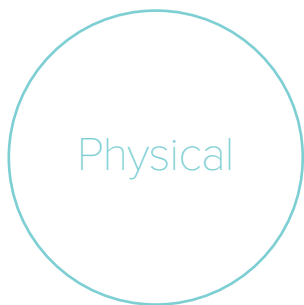
of homelessness among families

(Safe Horizon, Domestic Violence: Statistics & Facts)

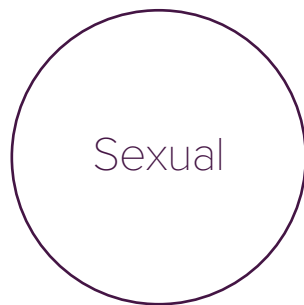


TYPES OF ABUSE

Abuse generally falls into one or more of the following categories:



physical attacks and/or aggressive behavior



sexual violence, rape or forced sexual relations



verbal abuse, belittling, harassment, possessiveness, isolation



controlling or limiting access to financial resources

(National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Domestic violence impacts all areas of a woman's life. The abuse affects her:



physical and mental health



productivity, earning potential and overall financial security



children's physical and mental well-being

(Sorooptimist Whitepaper: Domestic Violence as a Workplace Concern)



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