Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Fact Sheet

Domestic violence and sexual assault are pervasive and life-threatening crimes affecting millions of individuals across our nation, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion or education. Domestic violence and sexual assault not only severely impact victims but entire communities, and are linked to many other social ills. Children are particularly vulnerable as both victims and witnesses.

In addition to the devastating physical and emotional damage domestic violence has on victims and their families, domestic violence also has huge financial costs.

- Nearly one in every four women are beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood.
- Three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner each day in America, on average.
- Over 22 percent of women and 7.4 percent of men surveyed reported being physically assaulted by a current or former partner in their lifetime.
- Approximately 37% of women seeking injury-related treatment in hospital emergency rooms were there because of injuries inflicted by a current or former spouse/partner.
- Approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year.
- Children that are exposed to violence are more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, engage in teenage prostitution, and commit sexual assault crimes.
- Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence.
- The cost of intimate partner violence annually exceeds $5.8 billion, including $4.1 billion in direct health care expenses.
- Women who experience domestic violence are more likely to experience spells of unemployment, have health problems, and be welfare recipients.
- Domestic violence has been estimated to cost employers in the U.S. up to $13 billion each year.
- New research shows that intimate partner violence costs a health plan $19.3 million each year for every 100,000 women between the age of 18 and 64 enrolled.

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Signs of Abusive Relationships

Domestic Violence Quiz:

1. Does your partner blame you for his/her mistakes? □ Yes □ No
2. Does your partner prevent you from seeing your family or friends? □ Yes □ No
3. Does your partner humiliate you in public? □ Yes □ No
4. Does your partner intimidate you? Threaten you? Or threaten to harm your children? □ Yes □ No
5. Does your partner control your money and give you an allowance? □ Yes □ No
6. Does your partner put you down and degrade your ideas or goals? □ Yes □ No
7. Does your partner threaten to harm you if you were to leave? □ Yes □ No
8. Is your partner constantly accusing you of having an affair and excessively jealous? □ Yes □ No

If you answered yes to more than two of these questions, you may be in an abusive relationship. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, or if you would like to discuss relationship issues, call your Employee Assistance Program.

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